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GIRLFRIEND'S INFANT DAUGHTER

Local Man Faces Murder Charge

A Dawson Springs man is being held in the Hopkins County Detention Center on a \$250,000 cash bail bond after being charged with murder in the death of his girlfriend's infant daughter.

Joshua L. Peters, 21, took the unresponsive child to the clinic in Dawson Springs in November, claiming her injuries were the result of a fall with the baby. Detectives were called to the clinic, and

Kentucky State Police began an investigation into allegations that the child had suffered shaken baby syndrome.

Peters was initially charged with first-degree assault, but the charge was amended to murder after the infant died.

The case will be reviewed Jan. 22 by a Hopkins County grand jury. If Peters is convicted, he could face a prison sentence of 20 years to life.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Santa And Claus Need To Search

Kentuckians who are a "Santa" or a "Claus" with some "Holly" or a "Wreath" in their names or an "Elf" or a "Merry" with "Sleighs" and "Deer," may find some unclaimed property is being held for them at the Kentucky State Treasury.

In fact, the Kentucky Treasury's unclaimed property database contains 253 properties with the name Santa attached, 96 with Claus, 154 Hollies two Wreaths, 87 with the name Elf, 83 Merrys, eight Sleighs and 323 with the name Deer.

Each year, the Kentucky Treasury returns millions of

dollars in unclaimed property to Kentucky residents. Todd Hollenbach, Kentucky treasurer, has set a goal of returning \$120-million before the end of 2015. Since 2008, under the proactive leadership of his Treasure Finders program, the treasurer has returned a record \$115 million in unclaimed property to Kentuckians.

Searching for unclaimed property is as simple as the click of a mouse. A search can be initiated by visiting missingmoney.com and entering one's state and name.

Those without access to a computer and the Internet can call toll free 800-465-4722.

Amended Budget Approved

The Dawson Springs City Council approved an amended budget ordinance after a second reading was heard at a special called meeting Dec. 17.

A first reading of the ordinance was held during the regular monthly meeting Dec. 15. The change, under Intergovernmental Revenue, was made because paving was not completed in a

timely manner. However, the funds have since been distributed.

The council also approved a municipal order appointing Chris Smiley to the Rose-dale Cemetery Board. He will replace Don Inglis who submitted a letter of resignation on Dec. 16. Smiley will complete Inglis' six-year term of office which expires June 30, 2019.

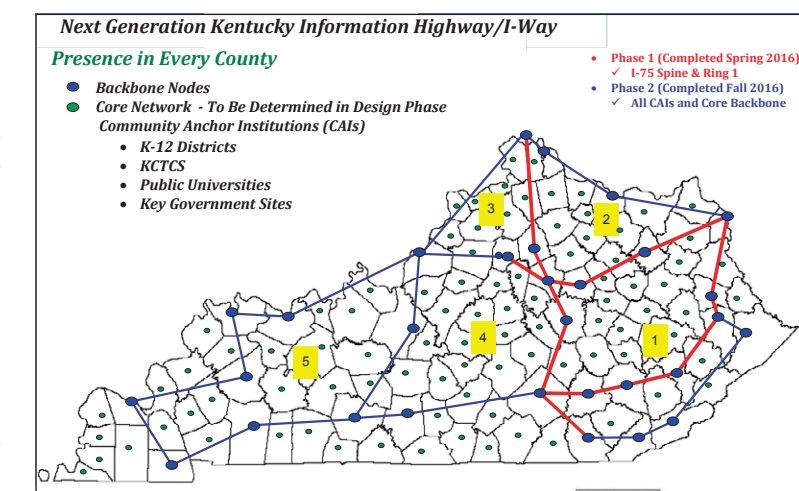
BUILDING MAIN FIBER LINES IS FIRST STAGE

Statewide Broadband Infrastructure Launched

A new public-private partnership will develop a robust, reliable, fiber "backbone" infrastructure to bring high-speed Internet connectivity to every corner of Kentucky — with the critical first components scheduled to be operational in less than two years.

Gov. Steve Beshear and U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers announced the partnership with Macquarie Capital Dec. 23.

This infrastructure project is unlike any other seen in Kentucky in the last 50 years. Broadband, now considered an essential utility service, will improve Kentucky's dismal connectivity and slow speeds to some of the fastest and highest capacity ser-



vice in the U.S. — all with the potential to lower consumer costs and improve coverage as well.

Just as important, this project

will be paid for up front by leveraging private capital at no additional cost to Kentucky taxpayers.

The first stage of the project

is to build the main broadband fiber lines across the state. These major fiber lines are called the "middle mile." The "open access" network will allow the private sector to use the fiber to deliver services into communities. Once complete, other Internet service provider companies, cities, partnerships, or other groups may then tap into those "middle mile" lines to complete the "last mile" — the lines that run to individual homes or businesses.

Where already in place, the project will take advantage of existing infrastructure, thus partnering with local telecommunications companies, municipalities and major car-

riers to deliver the network more quickly and reduce construction costs.

Improved cell phone coverage is anticipated as part of the initiative. Cell phone companies may choose to use the state's "middle-mile" fiber network to add capacity and broaden coverage areas throughout the state that have traditionally had poor cell phone reception.

When completed, the more than 3,000 miles of fiber will be in place across the state. This "middle-mile" fiber infrastructure is key to reaching much of Kentucky's large rural population.

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SANTA CLAUS rode into Dawson Springs, Kentucky's first trail town, Sunday, Dec. 7, in a covered wagon pulled by two mules owned and driven by Mike Russell as part of the town's Christmas parade. He should return tonight but his mode of transportation will be a sleigh pulled by reindeer.

ANOTHER STEP CLOSER FOR I-69 COMPLETION

Parkway Contract Is Awarded

A contract was awarded for more of the improvements needed for bringing the Julian M. Carroll Purchase Parkway up to interstate highway standards and eventual designation as Interstate 69, Gov. Steve Beshear has announced.

The project involves reconstruction of the interchange at Ky. 348, starting at mile point 42.1 to Exit 43 at Benton, a distance of about one mile. The existing cloverleaf interchange will be converted to a diamond interchange to accommodate traffic moving at modern highway speeds. Jim Smith Contracting Co. was awarded the contract on a low

bid of \$8.15 million. The project has a completion date of June 30, 2016.

"This is an important step toward our goal of completing the I-69 corridor and the second in Marshall County, the other being for reconstruction of 30 miles of the Purchase Parkway.

The other two contracts were for work on the Breathitt-Pennyrile Parkway — improvement of a 36.4-mile stretch in Hopkins, Webster and Henderson counties — and reconstruction of the parkway's interchange with Ky. 56 near Sebree in Webster County.

Once complete, I-69 in Kentucky will run north to south from the Ohio River at Henderson to the Tennessee border at Fulton. Completion of the corridor requires improvements to portions of three Kentucky parkways, all of which originally were toll roads, the Breathitt-Pennyrile, Ford-Western Kentucky and Carroll-Purchase parkways.

To date, 55 miles of the corridor are complete — from roughly Nortonville to the interchange of I-24 and the Carroll-Purchase Parkway near Gilbertsville — and bear the

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Louise Pruitt Reynolds, 84

Claude Curtis Rose, 69

Mary Suttle, 98

LOCAL 5 DAY FORECAST

Wed 12/24	Thu 12/25	Fri 12/26	Sat 12/27	Sun 12/28
45/35 Cloudy with light rain early. High near 45F. Winds W at 10 to 20 mph.	47/35 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 30s.	56/46 A few clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 40s.	50/35 Showers. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	37/30 Light rain. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the low 30s.

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Services Held Tuesday For Claude Curtis Rose

The funeral for Claude Curtis Rose, 69, of Dawson Springs, was held yesterday at Beshear Funeral Home.

The Rev. Jackie Mathis officiated. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

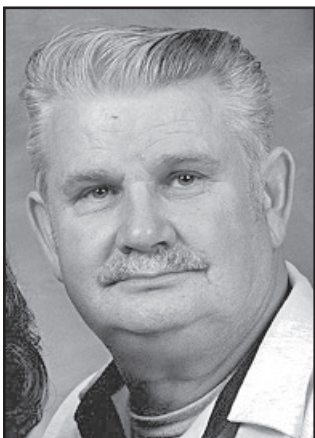
Rose died Dec. 21, 2014, at Tradewater Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born May 24, 1945, in Muhlenberg County, to the late James Curtis Rose and Julie Brown Rose.

He owned and operated Rose Metal Spinning for 33 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Margaret Rose, Clara Scott and Shirley Claffer; and a brother, James Rose.

Survivors include his



CLAUDE CURTIS ROSE

wife of 49 years, Maryanne Rose, Dawson Springs; and a sister, Dorothy Stewart, Graham.

Pallbearers were Chad Hoard, Jamie Melton, Daniel Rust, Ron Drury and Jackie Stewart.

Private Service Held For Louise P. Reynolds, 84

Private funeral services for Louise Pruitt Utley Reynolds, 84, of Madisonville, were held at Reid-Walters Funeral Home.

Bro. Jamey Reynolds officiated. Burial was in Grapevine Cemetery.

Mrs. Reynolds died Dec. 15, 2014, at her home.

She was born June 28, 1930, in Madisonville, to the late William Pruitt Utley and Anna Opal Franklin Utley Younger.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Madisonville.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband,

James David Reynolds, Sept. 26, 2001; two sisters, Georgia Lena Ramage and Betha Ann Plunkett.

Survivors include a daughter, Karen Louise Reynolds Campbell, Madisonville; three sons, David Alan Reynolds, Richland, Steven Wayne Reynolds and Jamey Glenn Reynolds, both Madisonville; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Reynolds' grandsons served as pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.

Mary Suttle, 98, Dies Dec. 23 Arrangements Are Pending

Arrangements are pending at Beshear Funeral Home for Mary

Suttle, 98, of Ilesley. She died Dec. 23, 2014, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

OBITUARIES

Services Held Saturday For Warren T. 'Bud' Bennett

The funeral for Warren Thomas "Bud" Bennett, 69, of Ilesley, was held Saturday at Beshear Funeral Home.

The Rev. Brian Richardson and the Rev. Dwight Darnell officiated. Burial was in Ilesley Cemetery.

Bennett died Dec. 17, 2014, at his home.

He was born Dec. 7, 1945, in Hopkins County, to the late Benton Bennett Sr. and Mattie Walker Bennett.

He worked as a coal miner for 23 years at Providence #1 and Ziegler mines. He was of the General Baptist faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Sabrina Ann Hulsey, June 8, 2013; a brother, Benton Bennett Jr.; and a sister, Janie Chaney.

Survivors include his wife Mildred Pettitt Bennett, Ilesley; two sons, Kendall Bennett, Greenville, and Darrell Bennett, Dawson Springs; three sisters, Becky Brandon,



WARREN BENNETT

Ilesley, Phyllis Ann Mashburn, Madisonville, and Ruth Linco, Evansville, Ind.; two brothers, Randy Bennett, St. Charles, and Wally Ware, Madisonville; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Darrell Bennett, Kendall Bennett, Gussie Hulsey, Trent Brandon, Mike Bowman and Dr. Robert Wood.

Honorary pallbearers were Becky Brandon, David Chaney and Royce Pace.

Daymar College Campus To Phase Out In Paducah

By Genevieve Postlethwait
The Paducah Sun

After much thought and deliberation, Daymar College leaders have decided to "teach-out" their Paducah campus.

As they told their Paducah faculty, staff and students Dec. 10, this means the Paducah campus is no longer accepting new students, but will work to ensure current students are able to finish their programs. Paducah campus President Greg Webb and Daymar College Group's new chancellor, Dan Peterson, assured students they are committed to the fulfillment of their education and will be available to offer guidance.

A teach-out plan, as defined by the U.S. Department of Education, is one designed to meet the needs of its students if it closes before all have completed their programs of study. Webb said their last students are expected to graduate by December 2015.

This news comes after enrollment and staffing for the Paducah campus continued to decline after hitting a five-year low in 2013. According to Daymar's most recent Campus Accountability Report made public, enrollment and staffing peaked in 2011 at 585

and 30, respectively. By 2013, those numbers had dropped to 216 and 18. School officials declined to give enrollment and staffing numbers for 2014 but confirmed they were below the 2013 numbers.

In June, college officials attributed this drop in enrollment more to the economy than other problems facing the Owensboro-based, for-profit system, including a pending lawsuit filed by Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway.

PSC OKs Solar Power Project For KU/LG&E

The Kentucky Public Service Commission approved the request by Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company to construct what will be the state's largest solar photovoltaic facility at E.W. Brown Generation Station in Mercer County.

"This is a good example of how LG&E and KU, the Sierra Club and our industrial partners worked together for a mutually beneficial solution for Kentucky," said Paul Thompson, LG&E and KU chief operating officer. "While Kentucky is not blessed with an abundance of wind and solar energy, the approval gives us the opportunity to learn more about solar technology. By utilizing our existing property and taking advantage of tax incentives, we can offer our customers another source of generation similar to our existing hydro plants."

KU and LG&E originally had sought approval to construct both the solar array and a 670-MW natural gas-fired power plant to be built in Muhlenberg County. The latter project was canceled after nine municipalities that purchase wholesale power from KU decided to allow their contracts to expire over the next five years, reducing the utility's load by about 325 MW.

Although the loss of the municipal customers made the gas-fired power plant unnecessary,

KU and LG&E stated that some new generating capacity would be needed to maintain adequate reserves. The solar plant would meet that need while providing insurance against both potential increases in the cost of fossil fuels and future constraints on carbon dioxide, the utilities said.

The \$38 million cost of the solar array will have a "relatively minor" impact on rates, the PSC said. The relatively higher initial investment required for the solar power project will be partly offset by tax credits and other factors.

The PSC agreed with KU and LG&E that adding solar powered capacity now will help prepare for any future requirements to reduce CO2 emissions produced by burning fossil fuels and "has the ability to reduce potential future CO2 compliance costs."

The solar array will be built on a 153-acre parcel owned by KU just south of the E.W. Brown power plant. The array will consist of about 260 solar panels and associated transformers, switches and other equipment.

KU will own 61 percent of the solar array and LG&E the remaining 39 percent — a split based upon the relative load of the two utilities during daylight hours. The E.W. Brown plant also has coal-fired and gas-fired units owned by KU.

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Wildlife Officer Shoots Mountain Lion In Bourbon Co.

By Jim Warren and Karla Ward
Lexington Herald-Leader

A mountain lion killed in Bourbon County recently was a young, healthy-looking male that weighed 125 pounds, according to preliminary results from a Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources examination.

If it can be proved that he was a wild, free-ranging animal, it apparently would be the first such confirmed mountain lion in Kentucky since before the Civil War, said Mark Marraccini, the department's public relations officer.

"But that is a pretty big 'if,'" he said. "They took some measurements today, but that's certainly not enough to go on without looking at everything in total."

Marraccini said Fish and Wildlife biologists and veterinarians performed a necropsy — essentially an animal autopsy — on the cat afternoon in Frankfort.

"It seemed to be in very healthy condition, and they determined pretty quickly that it didn't look like it had traveled long distances on foot," he said.

Marraccini said that under Kentucky law, it is illegal for anyone except zoos and related educational facilities to keep a mountain lion captive.

Time and testing will help determine whether the lion was a wild animal or one that had been in captivity and escaped.

Marraccini declined to speculate. "The science will tell us that," he said.

Among other studies, investigators will examine the contents of the cat's stomach, which should indicate what kind of food it had been eating, Marraccini said.

Investigators also will take DNA samples and send them to be analyzed at labs that have databases of genetic information on file from other mountain lions.

"That could tell us a lot more about its ori-

gins," Marraccini said.

A state wildlife officer shot the mountain lion Dec. 15 on Redmon Road in northern Bourbon County, after a property owner called Fish and Wildlife and reported seeing a big cat.

Marraccini said that the mountain lion was the first one that state officers have ever shot.

"I think there was one back, perhaps in the 1990s, that was killed in a traffic accident," Marraccini said. "In that case, it was determined pretty quickly that it was a lion someone had brought in."

The department has been asked why the lion was shot.

"It was in a fairly populated area; there were houses nearby," Marraccini said. "It was 5:30 and getting on toward night. It was a free-ranging lion, and so it became a public-safety issue."

Some people have asked why the lion was not "darted," instead of shot.

"Darting really was

not an option," he said. "Darting an animal has to be a pretty planned-out process. Number one, you have to have people who can use dart guns."

"Dart guns aren't nearly as accurate as regular firearms. Also, darts don't always work the way people think they do, as in movies. There is a whole lot of planning that has to go into it. When you have an officer responding to a call like this one, they have to go with what they have in the truck."

If the lion had been successfully darted, he said, officials would have been left with the question of what to do with the large, powerful animal when it woke up.

"At 5:30, with darkness coming on, and you have a mountain lion in front of you that could escape into the darkness at any minute, you have to handle the situation. They did the right thing."

Steven Taylor, assistant director of conservation, education and

collection at the Louisville Zoo, said mountain lions have been known to attack people, and one that had been treed would be particularly "anxious."

"What are you going to do if the animal jumps down?" he said. "They can be a very dangerous cat, especially in an urban area."

Mountain lions were once native to Kentucky, but they disappeared in the late 1700s. As more

people moved in, predators began to disappear.

Today, their range includes only the 12 westernmost states and Florida, according to the National Park Service.

Mountain lions are known by several other names, including cougar, puma and panther, the park service said.

They typically range from 75 to 175 pounds and eat wildlife as large as deer and elk.



REACHING for the Christmas candies being tossed in the Christmas Parade, Sunday, Dec. 7, are (from left) Casey Fain, Mattie Fain, and Skyler Garrison.

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Joram, King of Israel
II Kings 3: 8; 9; II Chronicles 22

Joram was Ahab's son who became the king of Israel following the death of Ahaziah his brother. King Joram set out from Samaria and mobilized all Israel.

Joram and Ahaziah, king of Judah went to war against Hazael king of Aram at Ramoth Gilead.

The Arameans wounded Joram; King Joram went to Jezreel to recover and Ahaziah, king of Judah went to Jezreel to see Joram.

Jehu son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, conspired against Joram. A prophet from the company of Elisha secretly anointed him to be king of Israel.

Then Jehu went to Jezreel to see Joram and Ahaziah who was visiting Joram. Joram asked Jehu if he came in peace and Jehu replied, "How can there be peace as long as all the idolatry and witchcraft of your mother Jezebel abound?"

Joram fled and Jehu shot him between the shoulders. The arrow pierced his heart and he slumped down in his chariot.

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Local Woman Indicted By Hopkins Co. Grand Jury

The Hopkins County grand jury returned an indictment for a local woman Dec. 16.

Amanda Hammons, 31, 970 Shelly Poe Road, was indicted for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants, trafficking in methamphetamine, trafficking in marijuana, possession of drug

paraphernalia, operating a motor vehicle and not wearing a seat belt, two counts of failing to properly restrain a child in a child restraint system, operating a motor vehicle with an expired license plate, operating a motor vehicle while her license was revoked or suspended and three counts of endangering the welfare of a minor.

Two People Hospitalized Following Two-Car Crash

The Kentucky State Police investigated a two-vehicle, injury collision that occurred Thursday on U.S. 41-A.

The preliminary investigation revealed Melena Lamb, 52, of Madisonville, was southbound on U.S. 41-A as Douglas Watts, 51, of Manitou, was attempting to exit the Wicks Well parking lot.

Watts failed to see Lamb's vehicle approaching and made a left turn from the parking lot into her path of travel. The vehicles struck head-on in the southbound lane.

Watts was transported by private vehicle to Baptist Health Madisonville for treatment. Lamb had to be extricated from her vehicle. She was transported by ambulance to Baptist Health Madisonville, then flown to St. Mary's in Evansville, Ind., for treatment. Both drivers were wearing seat belts.

Trooper Cody Kromer investigated the collision. The Madisonville Fire Department, the Manitou Volunteer Fire Department and Medical Center Ambulance Service assisted at the scene.



RIDING in the mini KU bucket truck in the Dawson Springs Christmas Parade Sunday, Dec. 7, are Charlie Pace, Landon and Peyton Pace.



ALL set to enjoy the Christmas Parade, Sunday, Dec. 7, are Dean and Twyla Merrell and their dog Cooper.



WATCHING the lighting ceremony in downtown Dawson Springs Sunday, Dec. 7, are (from left) DeNell Storms, Donna Parker, and Shannon Parker.

KET Announces Special Program

A special episode of KET's fan-favorite series Call the Midwife will air at 7 p.m. Christmas Day. Rehearsals for the Sunday school Christmas concert are underway, creating in-

convenience for the nuns and nurses of Nonnatus House. As residents of Nonnatus welcome the new year, the question on everyone's mind is, what will 1960 bring?

Post 2 Trooper Honored At Awards Ceremony

Trooper Jonathan McGehee from Kentucky State Police Post 2 was recognized Dec. 16 at the Governor's Impaired Driving Enforcement Awards ceremony. The ceremony highlights National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

For the enforcement

period which ran from Oct. 1, 2013, through Sept. 30, 2014, McGehee arrested 67 impaired drivers.

McGehee is a native of Bremen. He graduated from Muhlenberg North High School in 2004 and began his KSP career in April 2010. He is currently assigned to Muhlenberg County.

Vote Allows Alcohol Sale At Falls Of Rough State Park

By DeAnna Lasley
The Record

Less than a third of Falls of Rough voters made a decision to impact all in the community when 79 people voted in the special election on Dec. 9.

Only 100 people of the 417 registered voters in that precinct came out for the vote on Tuesday. Of those, 79 approved selling alcoholic beverages by-the-drink. Six people voted in absentee

ballot, all in favor of the by-the-drink allowance. At the Falls precinct, 73 voted yes and 21 voted no.

Area Man Charged With Sexual Abuse Of Minor

James E. Thomas Jr., 38, 7788 Ilsley Road, was charged Thursday with three counts of first-degree sexual abuse of a victim under 12 years old. He was arrested by the Madisonville Police Department Investigation Division.

According to a story in The Messenger, the investigation was the result of a report from the victim's father that his 9-year-old son had been

touched inappropriately by a person who was looking after him at the time.

Thomas admitted to touching the child three times in the same week.

Each charge is considered a class C felony and carries a potential sentence of 5 to 10 years in prison.

Thomas is being held in the Hopkins County Detention Center on a \$200,000 cash bail bond.

Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Russell W. Terry, 48, Dawson Springs, was charged Dec. 15 with alcohol intoxication in a public place and second-degree disorderly conduct.

—Brandi D. Orten, 35, Dawson Springs, was charged Dec. 15 with second-degree burglary on a Hopkins County warrant.

—Tyler G. Martin, 20, Dawson Springs, was charged Dec. 18 with obstructing a highway, operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol and failure to notify the Department of Transpor-

tation of address change.

—Jarod T. Bowley, 28, Dawson Springs, was charged Dec. 18 with burglary, theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others under \$500, fleeing or evading police, intimidating a participant in the legal process and third-degree criminal trespassing.

—Brian A. Springer, 29, Dawson Springs, was charged Dec. 21 with fourth-degree assault.

A local man was charged by the Madisonville Police Department:

—Jeffery S. Davis, 38, 670 AA Niles Road, was charged Dec. 15 with theft by deception (cold checks).

Union County Miner Dies When Struck By Ram Car

A Union County miner died Dec. 16 when he was struck by a ram car at an underground mine near Waverly. The Kentucky Division of Mine Safety identified the miner Eli Eldridge, 34, of Sturgis.

The accident occurred at the Patriot Coal Company's Highland No. 9 mine at approximately 11 a.m. CST.

The mine has been

closed while officials from the state conduct their investigation. A ram car is a shuttle vehicle that carries coal from the continuous miner to the feeder on the belt line.

This is the second mine-related fatality in Kentucky in 2014. A surface mine operator died Oct. 8 at a mine in Bell County.

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PENNYRILE Forest State Resort Park enjoyed a capacity dining crowd Saturday, Dec. 13, when a special Christmas program was held. The Dreamers, a local group, entertained with traditional Christmas songs and a special tribute to local veterans.



DAWSON SPRINGS Junior Pro Cheerleaders declare "there is nothing sweeter than a cheerleader" on their float in the Dawson Springs Christmas Parade Sunday, Dec. 7.

Tips For Diabetics For Holiday Party Eating

Most people are not affected by occasional overindulging at holiday parties, but diabetics can get in serious health trouble if they aren't careful.

"If you are someone who is not in good control of your diabetes throughout the year, the holiday season can really make your situation worse," Laila Tabatabai, an endocrinologist with Houston Methodist Hospital, says in a news release from the hospital. "If you are not mindful, eating foods with too many carbohydrates or sugars can send your blood sugar levels into a dangerously high range."

An abundance of high-fat, high-carbohydrate foods, parties with alcohol, desserts, food gifts and a change in routine that often doesn't allow time for exercise during the holiday season are some of the challenges that make it difficult for diabetics to maintain healthy blood sugar levels during the holidays.

The diabetes educators offer some tips on how to plan for these challenges:

—Make a healthy eating contract before attending a big meal, write down some goals and stick to them.

—Plan your plate: fill half of your plate with veggies, one-quarter with carbs (whole grain if possible), and one quarter with lean meat

—Avoid dark meat and remove any skin from your meat before eating

—Avoid gravy, and if you must have it, use only a little.

—Check with your doctor to make sure it is safe for you to have alcohol as it can interfere with some medications, including insulin. Sparkling water with a lime

twist is a nice alternative.

—If alcohol is allowed, limit your intake. Have one glass of wine per party and skip the mixed drinks, which have more carbs. Or have a spritzer: half sparkling water and half wine. If drinking alcohol, make sure you eat, to avoid low blood sugar.

—Stay active during the holidays. Involve the family in activities that get everyone up and moving; volunteer or sign up for a holiday run or walk.

—Minimize stress. Make time to unwind and relax.

Tabatabai also suggested to be selective in the foods you choose to eat, only eating the special holiday dishes instead of everything; to bring a healthy dish that you enjoy; to avoid "white" carbohydrates such as potatoes; to limit portion sizes and to make sure family and friends are aware of your diabetes so that they can accommodate your food choices.

"Planning ahead and being smart with your choices will give you the chance to eat the foods you want while maintaining healthy glucose levels," Tabatabai said in the release.

The AADE also offers these tips on traveling with diabetes:

• Bring extra medication and supplies if you are traveling.

• Pack two weeks' worth of medication and supplies for one week of travel in case of travel delays or lost supplies. Make sure you include insulin, syringes, testing strips, insulin pump supplies, a first-aid kit, glucose emergency kit, etc.

• If you are traveling by air, keep your medications and supplies with you at all times.

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OPINION

ABOUT TOWN

By Scott

Christmas carols still make us smile

The music goes on and on this time of year. It's great for those of us who enjoy it, but I'm sure for those who don't, it must be a bit torturous. Those of us who enjoy football will also be getting more than our fair share during the next few weeks.

As for me, I enjoy the Christmas music about as much as the football.

So the music continued for Scott and Beth this past weekend. It's truly a blessing when the Mills family comes a-caroling — as is their tradition which held up for another year. The carolers were in our neighborhood Saturday afternoon, and we always invite them in for some goodies.

The younger kids especially enjoy the sweets, but they also enjoy our Christmas carousel and Christmas train. I'm not sure how much our granddaughter Clara will enjoy it this year since she will probably just want to put the pieces in her mouth. Oh, but in the years to come, she will also enjoy it.

The music wasn't over. Beth and I went to Murray Sunday afternoon to see the Murray Mass Christian Choir present "The Gift of Christmas" at Lovett Auditorium on the campus of Murray State University.

My sister-in-law Sally participated, as did former Dawson Springs resident Sherida Outland Gentry. Sherida was one of the soloists during the program. Her solo was in "Light a Candle with Silent Night."

We were there because of Sally and several from Dawson Springs attended because of Sherida. Among those we saw were Norman and Judi Manasco and Ross and Cynthia Workman along with their children. The Workmans are now connected with the Gentrys through their children Amanda and Clint.

The concert will be shown Christmas day at noon on WPSD-TV channel 6.

Of course seeing Sherida reminded me of her parents, Bill and Ruth Ann. Every time Bill Outland comes to mind it's a reminder of a little trick that was played on Beth when she was a substitute teacher and Bill was the elementary principal.

Beth was substituting in Sue Franklin's first grade class. She had told her students they could bring something for show and tell the next day.

That night, the phone rang, and a parent asked Beth if it was true the students could bring something for show and tell. When Beth said that was correct, the parent identified himself and asked if it was okay if his son brought a pony.

Well, Beth thought it would be wonderful, but told the parent she would have to ask her principal Mr. Outland. She called Bill and he also thought it would be great for the kids, but of course the pony would have to stay outside.

The parent called back to see if it was going to be okay to bring the child's pony and Beth informed him it was and all the children would be so excited.

The next day, there was no pony, but there was one horse's hind end laughing about the whole thing. The perpetrator was our friend Chris Smiley who called back later that same night after his wife Jahn decided his fun was over.

The universities of Louisville and Kentucky will be playing a basketball game Saturday at Yum Arena in Louisville. Surely everyone already knows about this game — two undefeated teams, both ranked at the top in college basketball will face off in what should be one of the best games of the season.

Many people think if the Wildcats win this game, they have a good chance of having an undefeated regular season and will enter tournaments having never suffered a loss.

It's preposterous to think such a thing. The Cardinals are also undefeated, but you hear no such talk of them going undefeated if they win Saturday's game. Of course, the conference they play in has much better teams.

But that doesn't matter as much as it would seem. Sometimes the most difficult task is winning on the road, no matter that quality of the competition. That's why the idea of running the table without a loss borders on insanity.

No matter which of these undefeated teams win, the game will be a showcase for the state of Kentucky, and that makes us all winners.

Either Cardinal fans or Wildcat fans won't have much to laugh about following the game so here are some things to consider...

—The four stages of life are: 1. You believe in Santa Claus; 2. You don't believe in Santa Claus; 3. You dress up as Santa Claus; and, 4. You look like Santa Claus.

— The playboy said all he wanted for Christmas was Santa's list of naughty girls.

— What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa?

A rebel without a Claus.

— What are people called who are afraid of Old Saint Nick?

Claustrophobic.

— What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?

The Christmas alphabet has Noel.

— Why is Christmas just like your job?

You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit.

— A husband is a man who buys his football tickets four months in advance and waits until Dec. 24 to do his Christmas shopping.

— "You know you're getting old when Santa Claus starts looking younger." — Robert Paul

— "He who has no Christmas in his heart will never find Christmas under a tree." — Roy L. Smith



Commentary... With family it's a wonderful life

By Peter Sprigg

Christmas celebrates a miracle. It's not just "Jesus' birthday." And it's not just that Mary gave birth to the baby Jesus when she was still a virgin (although Christians believe that she was, and that the birth was miraculous).

The greater miracle is known to theologians as "the incarnation"—that in the conception and birth of Jesus, God himself became a flesh-and-blood human being.

Hollywood has depicted a link between Christmas and miracles—with varying levels of theological correctness. One beloved classic film is *Miracle on 34th Street*—but the "miracle" there is an encounter with the real Santa Claus.

Another is *It's a Wonderful Life*, the 1946 Frank Capra film. In it, the miracle is the intervention of a "second-class" angel named Clarence to stop James Stewart's character, George Bailey, from committing suicide on Christmas Eve. The Christian film website *MovieGuide* has faulted *It's a Wonderful Life* for "false angelology." Nevertheless, if we accept it as a work of fantasy and not theology, its message is heartwarming and timeless.

I recently had the privilege of performing in a stage musical version of *It's a Wonderful Life* at my church. For those who have never seen the film (I have met a few!), it tells the story of George Bailey, a man from a small town in upstate New York whose loftiest plans and ambitions have all been thwarted by various circumstances. Nevertheless, he is a hero to the townspeople and to his loving family.

When he faces a crisis, the angel Clarence miraculously appears and persuades him of the value of his life by miraculously show-

ing him an alternate reality—the dismal state of the town and his loved ones if he, George Bailey, had never been born.

Most people see *It's a Wonderful Life* once a year around Christmas. Between dress rehearsals and performances, I (playing Clarence) got to see the entire story of George Bailey unfold before my eyes six times in seven days. In a song, Clarence explains to George that "this is Christmas Eve/the perfect time to trust God and believe/in angels and miracles and love that never dies."

It's a *Wonderful Life* certainly promotes "family values"—George and Mary make "the perfect couple" (in Clarence's eyes) as husband and wife along with a quiver full of children. However, for the most part I considered playing the part of the white-hatted, miracle-working angel Clarence to be an escape from, not a complement to, my work as a marriage and family public policy analyst at the Family Research Council.

Imagine my surprise, then, when I was reading the journal *The Family in America*, and came across this headline: "Miracle-Working Angels vs. Divorce-Dealing Lawyers."

The piece summarized an academic study by Williams College sociologist Nicolette D. Manglos, published in the journal *Sociology of Religion* in 2013. The study reportedly found that "adolescents and young adults from intact families are significantly more likely to report that God is working miracles in their lives."

We have long known from the social science research that children raised in an intact family (that is, by their own biological mother and father who are committed to one another in a life-long

marriage) have better physical and mental health and economic security, on average, than children in other family or household structures. But—more miracles?

Could this perception simply be because people from intact families have easier lives, and interpret that as God's blessing? Not really—Manglos explains that "young people who experience stress from traumas are more likely to report miracles" (such as "healings or similar interventions").

"Stress from family breakups, however, is negatively correlated with miracles," she reports.

Let me offer a theory as to why this might be true. In the movies, miracles often occur as a way of drawing unbelievers to faith. In real life and in the Bible, however, miracles often occur in response to faith (think of the bleeding woman who sought and obtained healing by touching the hem of Jesus' cloak in Mark 5:25-34).

If the earthly mother and father who created us show that they can be trusted to stay together and raise us, it becomes easier to trust the Heavenly Father who created us, too. On the other hand, if our mother and father reject each other, it becomes easier for us to abandon faith in God—unwittingly distancing ourselves from his miracles.

"Miracles," Manglos notes solemnly, "are positively correlated with life satisfaction and partially protect against the negative effects of stress on life satisfaction."

Or as George Bailey could tell you, having an intact family—and experiencing miracles—make it a wonderful life.

Peter Sprigg is Senior Fellow for Family Policy Studies at Family Research Council in Washington, D.C.

Other editors New York editor says Thank God Santa lives

One hundred-sixteen Christmases ago, in 1897, an eight-year-old girl, Virginia O'Hanlon of New York City, wrote *The New York Sun* about the existence of Santa Claus.

The editor, Francis P. Church, replied in the newspaper.

His reply has become a Christmas classic. The letter and Church's response follow.

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says, "If you see it in *The Sun*, it's so."

Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 W. 95th St.

Dear Virginia:

Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. the eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that

there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the hearts of children.

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LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004.)

Panther girls won 59-46 over visiting Hopkinsville Tuesday night, Dec. 14.

A graveside service for Albert F. McMillin, 73, was held Thursday at Rosedale Cemetery.

25 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, Dec 21, 1989.)

Ben Travis won the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary's Voice of Democracy speech writing contest in Dawson Springs High School and placed third in district competition.

Last rites were conducted for Monroe Johnson, 65, Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 18, at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Old Beulah Cemetery.

Funeral for Mrs. Linda Lee Chappel, 56, was held Monday afternoon at Beshear Funeral Home. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery.

The funeral for Mrs. Lovie Young, 85, will be held this afternoon at the First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Rosedale Cemetery.

Troy Shawn Linville was born Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Regional Medical Center in Madisonville. He weighed five pounds, six ounces.

50 years ago

(From the files of *The Dawson Springs Progress*, Thursday, Dec. 24, 1964.)

R.A. Belt, superintendent of city schools for the past 28 years was recently honored for having been a school superintendent in Kentucky for longer years than any other superintendent.

Kelly Mark Stovall was born Monday, Nov. 30 in the Caldwell County Hospital in Princeton.

John Evan Royal Jr. was born Monday, Nov. 30 in the Caldwell County Hospital in Princeton.

Moments in time...

- On Dec. 28, 1793, Thomas Paine is arrested in France for treason. Though the charges against him were never detailed, he had been tried in absentia on Dec. 26 and convicted. Before moving to France, Paine was an instrumental figure in the American Revolution as the author of *Common Sense*.

- On Dec. 27, 1831, British naturalist Charles Darwin sets out from Plymouth, England, aboard the HMS Beagle on a five-year surveying expedition of the southern Atlantic and Pacific oceans to gather knowledge of the flora, fauna and geology. This information proved invaluable in the development of his theory of evolution.


- On Dec. 22, 1849, writer Fyodor Dostoevsky is led before a firing squad but receives a last-minute reprieve and is sent to a Siberian labor camp, where he worked for four years. In 1866, he published *"Crime and Punishment."*

- On Dec. 25, 1941, *"White Christmas,"* written by Irving Berlin, receives its world premiere on the NBC radio program, *"The Kraft Music Hall."* The song went on to become one of the most commercially successful singles of all time.

- On Dec. 26, 1966, Jimi Hendrix writes the lyrics to *"Purple Haze"* -- the song that would give him his breakthrough hit in the United States. *"Purple Haze"* actually had relatively little commercial success as a single. It was Hendrix's legendary, guitar-burning live performance at the Monterey Pop Festival that established him as a star.

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Letters to the editor

FRYSC says thank you

Dear Editor,

The 2014 holiday season for Dawson Springs Independent School District students and their families has been blessed by the generosity of the people in Dawson Spring and the surrounding area. As coordinator of the Dawson Springs Family Resource and Youth Services Center, I want to express a sincere and heartfelt appreciation to all of you that made Thanksgiving and Christmas a season of plenty for our students. Without your generous, collaborative efforts, Christy Winfrey, FRYSC program assistant, and I would not be able to successfully organize, implement and execute this tremendous season of giving, year after year!

Our holiday season of giving began with the annual Thanksgiving food drive for grades preschool through 12. Non-perishable food items were collected by grade from Nov. 13-19, 2014. The total collection was 3,992 food items. To foster the competition amongst our students (and some parents), FRYSC provided pizza parties to the elementary grade and the junior/senior high grade with the most donated items. The winners this year were the kindergarten and the junior class. There were some students that volunteered behind the scenes collecting food items daily from the classrooms and then organizing the 3992 food items at its conclusion. A big thanks to our D.S.H.S. student ambassadors for a job well done!

FRYSC was able to provide food to 48 families for Thanksgiving. In addition, Chief Jonathan Sholar and the Dawson Springs Police Department partnered with an anonymous donor to purchase turkeys for these 48 families. This was the fifth year for this collaborative effort. Thank you for your caring support! The remaining food items from the FRYSC food drive were donated to the Dawson Area Personal Services (DAPS) food bank.

This Christmas season we were fortunate to receive shoes for 138 students from the Hopkins County Happy Feet Organization. They came to our school in October to size shoes for each student. The students were able to pick the shoe style from Nike, Polo, New Balance and LA Gear brands. The shoes arrived on Dec. 2, 2014, just in time for Christmas. Our students were all smiles. Thank-you Cheri McNary, Happy Feet chair, and the members of the Hopkins County Happy Committee for sharing your fundraising efforts with our students. Your kind hearts put a "pep in the step of our students".

The FRYSC Christmas adoption program provided assistance to 137 students from 75 families in the Dawson Springs Independent School District. This is truly remarkable from a community of this size. Many of the individuals that made this feat possible have supported our students and school for many years. This was my 15th year to be involved with the FRYSC Christmas program, and I credit the FRYSC program's success to each of you and your selfless giving.

On Dec. 9, 2014, chief Sholar, retired Chief Bill Crider, officers Lance Nosbusch, Bobby Hadley and Brad Ross partnered again with their anonymous donor to take 50 students shopping at the Princeton Walmart. They provided the students with a pizza party before departing the school. Each student received a generous budget to purchase clothes, shoes and a personal item. We also had lots of volunteers to help the students with their shopping. Thank-you Janet Dunbar, Debbie Cansler, Karen Sholar, Jeff Winfrey, Tammy Audas, Jennifer Ward, Lesley Mills and our D.S.H.S. Student Ambassadors. You made our organized chaos manageable!

The remaining 87 students were provided for by individuals, churches, organizations and businesses. These students were shopped for by the donors that actually weathered the crowds to buy gifts on the student's wish list; those who made monetary donations to fund the purchase of gifts; or organizations that donated coats; and those with donated bicycles, etc. All donations were greatly appreciated!

With Christmas nearing, 16 families were surprised by visits from the Dawson Springs Police Department. They brought good news in the form of Christmas food baskets. An additional five families received Christmas food baskets from the generous

members of the American Legion Post 310.

By now you are probably thinking wow that was a lot of giving and, you are right. A conservative estimate of the gifts received by the students and families this year totaled \$35,000.00+. On behalf of our students and families, Christy and I want to thank-you for making this a wonderful time of the year:

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Also American Legion Post 310, American Legion Post 310 Ladies Auxiliary, Pennyryle Area Cyclists, Pennyryle Homemakers, Professional Women's Club, UMWA Local 5138, YW Club, Dawson Springs Police Department, Hopkins County Happy Feet, Princeton Athletic Center, Tradewater Health and Rehabilitation, Dawson Springs PTO and Dawson Springs Jr/Sr High Band, Andy Hall Director.

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Dianne H. Labrado
FRYSC Coordinator

Wake up America

Dear Editor,

Our country is being torn apart these days by anarchists, communists and terrorists, and we are told not to profile anyone. Well, I can tell right away these idiots need to be in a padded room locked away somewhere.

I grew up in the country, and most of the time on a farm you learned quick which animal would hurt or kill you given the chance. You worked around them every day. No one had to tell you — if they looked and acted in a dangerous manner, they were dangerous.

When I became a grownup, I kept this wisdom intact in dealing with people, not because of their race, color or religion, but by their looks and actions.

I've worked in factories in Chicago; I've been in roughneck bars and taverns in many towns in my past. Trust no one and keep your mouth shut is the best policy.

It's time America wakes up and realizes we have enemies, not only overseas but in this country also. We need to watch their appearances and actions. If they dress like a thug and act like a thug — guess what? If they dress and act like a terrorist — you got it. Don't walk around in fear, but pay attention to your surroundings. They might be a close friend or a family member.

Wake up, America.

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Gasoline Prices Continue Fall; As Low As \$2.25/Gal. Locally

Average retail gasoline prices in Kentucky have fallen 11.3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.29 per gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,623 gas outlets in Kentucky. This compares with the national average that has decreased 10.8 cents per gallon in the past week to \$2.42 per gallon.

Gas prices in Dawson Springs Tuesday morning were \$2.25 and \$2.49 per gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in Kentucky during the past week, prices Sunday were 93.2 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 48.1 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 41.1 cents per gallon during the past month and stands 80.4 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"As Americans take to the road for Christmas travel, they've all been given a gift that keeps on giving: falling

gas prices. Americans are saving over \$13 million an hour versus gas prices a year ago, adding up to over \$315 million every day. Big declines were witnessed in Montana, Michigan, Indiana, Idaho and Ohio where average prices fell over 20 cents on average just in the last seven days, but everyone has been a winner," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "Just in the last 24 hours, the national average has declined nearly 7 cents per gallon, one of the largest single-day decreases ever. However, I'm worried the decline may soon begin slowing. Oil prices have held in the mid-\$50s, and the concrete may be setting in. If it does, and oil prices fail to drop below \$50 a barrel, gas prices likely won't drop more than another 10 to 20 cents per gallon. Either way, a sneak peek at our soon-to-be-released 2015 gas price forecast reveals a yearly national average far lower than what we saw this year."

Former Outwood Worker Charged

Attorney General Jack Conway and the Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Control Unit have announced the indictment and arraignment of a Princeton woman on one count of knowing abuse or neglect of an adult.

Ashley Burchett, 27, was indicted Oct. 17 by a Christian County grand jury. Burchett, who worked as a caregiver at Outwood, pleaded not guilty during her arraignment hearing Dec. 10 in Christian Circuit Court.

According to the indictment, on or about May 11, Burchett is alleged to have abused a nonverbal resident with severe mental disabilities by pushing him into his wheelchair when he tried to stand up. Burchett is also accused of striking the resident in the head with a

can of chewing tobacco.

A pretrial conference in this case has been scheduled for Jan. 14, 2015. If convicted Burchett faces a potential sentence of five to 10 years in prison. The case was investigated by the Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Control Unit and is being prosecuted by Christian County Commonwealth's Attorney Lynn Pryor.

Knowing abuse or neglect of an adult is a class C felony. A charge is merely an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The tip line for reporting allegations of Medicaid fraud is 1-877-228-7384.

Contract Awarded For Parkway

—Continued from front page

red, white and blue shields of I-69. The first shield was unveiled in October 2011.

One of the main challenges of the entire I-69 project has been the need to rebuild interchanges that were designed to accommodate drivers who were slowing and stopping at toll plazas as opposed to merging with or ex-

iting from 70 mph interstate traffic. Reconstruction of the Ky. 416 interchange in Henderson County is complete, while reconstruction of the I-69 Pennyrite Parkway-Western Kentucky Parkway interchange and the Ky. 56 interchange near Sebree are underway.

The remaining portion of the I-69 Corridor is scheduled to have signs in place in the summer of 2015.



RIDERS on the First Baptist Church's float wave at the crowd during the Dawson Springs Christmas parade Sunday, Dec. 7.

Statewide Broadband Is Launched

—Continued from front page

Over the past several months the state, in conjunction with the Center for Rural Development, released the request for proposal solicitation and negotiated with private sector vendors including Macquarie Capital.

Macquarie Capital has assembled a team of market-leading specialists to design, develop and operate the network over the next 30 years. While the private sector partners will bear developmental and operational risks of the project, the state will retain ownership of the network.

Macquarie will begin work immediately on phase one to design the overall statewide system and determine the project's scale. The design and cost estimates are due by the end of February 2015 with construction of the first segments expected to begin in the summer and completed by April 2016. The total cost of the project will depend upon the ability to leverage existing infrastructure versus deploying new routes, which will be determined during the design phase. Overall, the project is estimated to cost between \$250 million to \$350 million, and will be

supported by approximately \$30 million in state bonds and \$15 to \$20 million in federal grants.

Bringing private sector investment to build the network significantly decreases the time needed for design and construction, making broadband access available sooner for families and businesses. Finally, with the state's oversight of the main broadband lines, consumer costs may be lowered by eliminating the need for private providers to build duplicate network infrastructure; that means Internet service providers can instead invest in cell phone service or "last-mile" service.

Kentucky ranks 46th in broadband availability and 23 percent of rural areas in Kentucky do not have access to broadband.

Most households in the state have access to an Internet Service Provider (ISP), but that's not the same as high-speed broadband. High-speed broadband is capable of carrying much larger amounts of information to a larger group of users at much faster speeds.

Today, only about half of the state's households use broadband service, and nearly one-quarter can't access broadband at all.



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In The Nations, countdown is to 2 days post-Christmas

Joy to the world. And Planet Basketball too.

In the Bluegrass State, this Christmas is more than Jingle Bells, Here Comes Santa Claus and goin' to Gran'ma's house.

Family revelry is okay. Mother's chocolate covered peanut butter balls and candlelight service on television is appropriate. But, this Christmas Week drama will carry on well past time the fat guy in a red suit is here then gone home again to sit in front of his fire.

And yes, Planet Earth will continue with its usual suspects — Bill O'Reilly bleating that the sky is falling ... North Korea will still bluster and maybe threaten Walt Disney Studios next ... Johnny Manziel will continue doing selfies ... and Scarlett Johansson will still try to get naked in public.

But here in *The Nations*, (Big Blue and Cardinal), Kentuckians will open Christmas gifts with an expected "ahhh, thank you," but minds will already be in count-down mode toward Saturday afternoon.

Clocks will tick toward two, Eastern time while Moms, dads and the kids — Fulton to Catlettsburg and Covington to Guthrie, get dressed out in blue or red and promise to keep it sane, knowing they will do no such thing.

Kentucky 12-0, Louisville 11-0.

First, the electronic devices. This ain't church service on Sunday, but ...

- Text and tweets ... suspended.
- Telephones and cell phones ... off.
- Email ... nada.

Tune the teevee to ESPN2 and, hey! "Find you a seat, gran'ma, mine's down in the front row!"

Next, the Deuce will channel us to Yum! Center where lights will be dimmed and player introductions roll out from the most obnoxious P.A. voice this side of Michael "Get Ready to Rumble!" Buffer.

Then, Kentucky and Louisville will get it on again. This time the Wildcats are No. 1, the Cardinals No. 4.

According to one teevee expert already last week: "Nobody's going to beat Kentucky. Nobody." Dan Dakich, ESPN.

Cardinal fans would rather ignore the Wildcats' talent, size, depth, defense, unselfishness and



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Sports in Kentucky

growing swagger that produced a 41-7 halftime last Saturday. Realities that have catapulted Kentucky into college hoops' stratosphere, alone. A zone where, despite John Calipari's whiny "shhhh," the words unbeaten season have found a way into mainstream conversation, ESPN to CBS and beyond.

Louisville? Rick Pitino teams are known for toughness. Is intriguing then, the Dakich key to Kentucky running the table, "is their toughness."

And so, with all the bone crunch, bruises and tumbles in the movie Lone Survivor, Saturday's UK-UofL could be a sequel.

Louisville is a good team. Kentucky is a remarkable one.

Strategies?

- ✓ Pitino's familiar "press, press and befuddle an opponent into playing faster than he wants," against Kentucky's rotation, won't work.
- ✓ The Wildcats dozen 3-pointers against UCLA was impressive, but the defense stopped UCLA at 25 percent is more so. UK's storming transition offense, coupled with bang-it-inside option against Louisville's bigs, will be the deciders.

So, open your presents Thursday, Gran'ma, but be sure to reserve a seat in the teevee room on Saturday. Here in *The Nations*, it's Planet Basketball weekend in the Bluegrass.

Kentucky-Louisville

LOUISVILLE. History shows that Rick Pitino thrives on limelight games like one coming Saturday. His teams don't always win, but his players *bring it*. Emotion-fueled by big stage, they perform at a level beyond themselves.

Question to be answered: Can the Cardinals make it work for 40 minutes against an all-star team? I don't think so.

KENTUCKY. Wildcats are superior at every position, either platoon. Bigger, stronger, better and for more minutes. Even on enemy's court, they should prevail.

Disadvantage? One. Louisville is better coached. Pitino is a 700-plus-wins Hall of Famer for reasons that transcend recruiting and talent. This time it won't be enough.

WKU, UofL 'rewards?'

Rick Pitino's (reluctant?) trip to Bowling Green became more Christmas gift than expected. His fourth ranked Cardinals were stretched out, had to play blue collar tough for longer to win a road game.

- ✓ Bode well for ACC road games, the Cardinals had to win without Montrezl Harrell who got himself ejected.
- ✓ Pitino appeared bored then cranky from the outset. At 0:34 before halftime he lost his poise too, earning a technical foul for barking at WKU's Ray Harper who barked back and earned a "T" also.
- ✓ Terry Rozier was brilliant, Anas Mahmoud was clutch and the Cards handled their first frenzied crowd and fired up Hilltoppers well enough.

Flip side: Western played the nation's No. 4 team virtually even for 35 minutes, before bumbling down the stretch. Curtains.

What did Western get from the game?

- ✓ An endorsement from 7,598 fans. More than a full house.
- ✓ Coach Ray Harper kept his emotions in check when those around him lost theirs, including a Hall of Fame opposing coach. Classy.
- ✓ Hilltoppers made 10 3-pointers for second game in a row.
- ✓ Left 10-plus points at the free throw line. Lesson? Shooting a gazillion foul shots at practice, matters on game nights.
- ✓ Fans, a Christmas gift. They paid to see a legitimate C-USA title contender play December basketball. By February these Hilltoppers could be Big Dance worthy.

And so, Christmas

If I had a gift (message) to give you, it might be this from Lao Tzu:

"I have three precious things which I hold fast and prize. The first is gentleness; the second is frugality; the third is humility, which keeps me from putting myself before others.

"Be gentle and you can be bold; be frugal and you can be liberal; avoid putting yourself before others and you can become a leader among men."

And so it goes.

Merry Christmas.

You can reach me at bob.watkins24@aol.com.

Mid-winter is great time to hunt rabbits

By LEE MCCLELLAN
Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Outdoors enthusiasts of a certain age well remember their grandfathers extolling the virtues of fried rabbit, declaring it superior to filet mignon and better than any restaurant meal you could buy.

Many hunters scratch around for something to get them afield during that dull period from Christmas until the first warm winds of spring. Grab a shotgun, don some brush pants, a hunter orange vest and walk an overgrown fencerow to jump a rabbit.

"The rabbit population is still really good, we have a lot of rabbits in Kentucky," said Ben Robinson, small game biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Hunters should find good winter rabbit hunting across the state."

Mail carriers in rural areas help Kentucky Fish and Wildlife by recording rabbits they see while driving their daily mail routes. "Last year, we had our highest mail carrier survey since the early 1980s," Robinson said. "They were down a little this year, but there are still plenty of rabbits."

Late December and January are great rabbit hunting times. Robinson hunted rabbits this past week and did well, harvesting several. "Even if you don't have a dog, you can still hunt rabbits successfully," he said. "Kick around some cover and you can jump some rabbits up."

Robinson and his hunting group had their best success in woody cover. "This cover grows more important for rabbits as the weather gets colder," he explained. "We found our rabbits in blackberry thickets, in small creek drainages, along fencerows and in wood lots near fields."

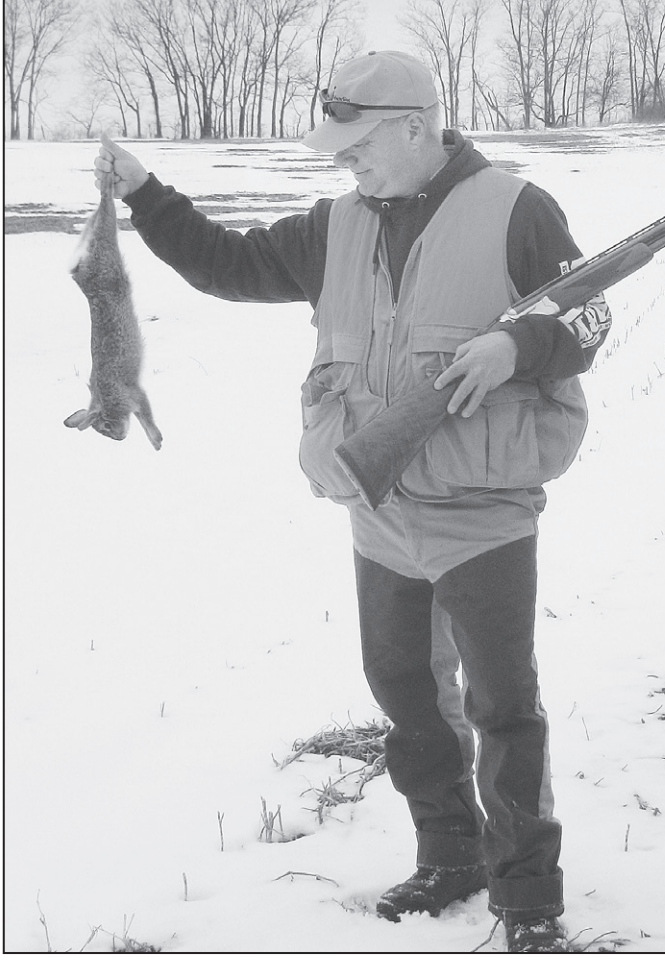
He also said rabbit hunters without dogs must be quick on their feet. "You don't have the set-up time that you do with dogs," Robinson said. "When you get near the cover, be prepared for a quick shot."

Don't give up on a rabbit if it bolts from thick cover and you don't get a shot. "That rabbit is likely close by," Robinson said. "Hunt the next decent cover you come across. A rabbit is not going to run farther than it has to. They hide quickly."

Cedar thickets make excellent rabbit hunting spots on cold, windy days or when snow blankets the ground. Thick stands of young cedar offer a wind-break as well as hiding cover. Make sure to stop and wait periodically when hunting cedar thickets. "Being still makes them nervous and they will flush," Robinson said.

The Bluegrass Region and the mountains of eastern Kentucky hold the highest rabbit densities, but

Kentucky Afield



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Tim Slone, director of the information and education division of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, admires a rabbit he harvested last winter in Henry County. Winter's cold and snow make great conditions for rabbit hunting.

practically any wildlife management area in Kentucky offers decent rabbit hunting.

"Some of our smaller off-the-beaten-path wildlife management areas don't get as much hunting pressure and have good populations of rabbits," Robinson said, "especially those outside the Louisville, Lexington and northern Kentucky corridor."

Shotshells loaded with No. 6 shot make an excellent rabbit load. Most rabbit shots are fairly close when hunting without dogs in winter. An improved cylinder choke works fine. When hunting with dogs, a modified

choke is a good choice. Don't over-choke your shotgun and damage the tasty rabbit meat.

"You will be more successful hunting with dogs," Robinson said. "A lot of dog owners are looking for someone to hunt with them. It is worth a try to ask to join them. If you have some access to land to hunt and they have dogs, you can make a partnership."

Rabbit season closes Jan. 31 in the Eastern Zone. The season closes Feb. 10 in all counties west of and including Hancock, Ohio, Butler, Warren and Allen. The daily bag limit is four rabbits.

Robinson asks rabbit hunters to participate in the Hunter Cooperator Survey and fill out a hunting log. This log provides valuable population information to biologists so they can make more informed decisions regarding rabbit management. Participants receive a small gift and a copy of the annual survey. Hunters can find printable hunting logs on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov. Click on the "Hunt" tab, then the "Game Species" tab.

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First Lady Jane Beshear Issues Children's Winter Reading List

In an effort to increase youth readership, first lady Jane Beshear announced her Top 10 Winter Reads as part of the First Lady's Reading Recommendations Initiative.

"Winter's dreary weather provides a perfect opportunity for children to discover new lessons and adventures through reading," said Beshear. "Students who enjoy reading are more likely to be engaged in the classroom, resulting in higher retention rates, positive test scores and an increased desire to pursue post-secondary education. Whether it be a selection on this list, or one of your personal favorites, give the gift of literature this season to a young reader in your life."

Winter Reading List

1. "No Two Alike" by Keith Baker (ages infant to 5) — "Young readers will be enamored with the wondrous illustrations and simple nature of this story. It follows two red birds as they explore a white, wintry land filled with snowflakes, trees, leaves and branches — none of which are alike. It teaches children about the beauty of being unique in nature and as people."

2. "The Phantom Tollbooth" by Norton Juster (ages 9-12) — "Ten-year-old Milo is bored with everyday life until one afternoon he arrives home to find a mysterious tollbooth in his bedroom. Milo's curiosity leads him through the tollbooth into a fantasy world where he embarks on a journey to help return two princesses to their home kingdom. Follow Milo on his adventure filled with memorable characters, witty wording and inspiring satire."

3. "The Snow Queen" by Hans Christian Andersen (ages 4-8) — "This story is the epitome of a classic fairytale, filled with themes of love, friendship and bravery against the backdrop of

a magical land. It centers on young Gerda's quest to help her best friend Kai escape from the Snow Queen's enchanted palace. Readers will not be disappointed by this archetypal tale of good vs. evil."

4. "Shiver" by Maggie Steifvater (ages 13 and up) — "Young adult readers with an interest in the supernatural will enjoy this new take on the classic werewolf legend. It follows Grace, a human girl, and Sam, a half human, half wolf, as they fall in love and fight to stay together despite outside influences and the inevitable transformation of Sam losing his ability to change back into a boy. The author's poetic imagery will give readers the chill of the narrative's Minnesota winter and the warmth of a mystical, young love story."

5. "Jack Juett — Portrait of an American Hero" by Martha Jane Hutcherson (ages 8-12) — "Everyone is familiar with the famous story of Paul Revere, but he was not the only American hero to warn that 'the British are coming.' This story tells the amazing account of Capt. Jack Juett's midnight ride to warn Thomas Jefferson that the British were coming to capture him and the Virginia legislature in 1781. Readers will gain some revolutionary knowledge and learn about Kentuckian Jack Juett in this historical and exciting tale."

6. "Girl on a Wire" by Gwenda Bond (ages 12 and up) — "Sixteen-year-old Jules Maroni's dream is to follow in her father's footsteps as a high-wire walker. But when her family is offered a prestigious role in the new Cirque American, she must team up with her chief rival to solve a magical mystery. A bonus, Gwenda Bond is a Kentucky writer."

7. "Bear Snores On" by Karma Wilson (ages infant to 5) — "This charm-

ing tale of kindness and sharing is about a group of woodland animals who, in an effort to escape the winter weather, gather in a bear's cave as he sleeps. The animals cook, chat and throw a party in the cave until the bear suddenly wakes up and offers his unwelcome guests a surprising reaction."

8. "I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition)" by Malala Yousafzai (ages 10 and up) — "As the youngest Nobel Peace Prize winner in history, Malala Yousafzai is an international heroine for taking a stand against terrorists and spreading the message of change through peaceful protest. This version of Malala's memoir is written specifically for young readers and offers a firsthand account of her near-death experience and growing up in a once-peaceful community that was overthrown by the Taliban."

9. "Llama Llama Holiday Drama" by Anna Dewdney (ages 3-5) — "The 'Llama Llama' series continues with this winter-time, holiday-themed selection. Llama Llama's mama becomes very busy with shopping, cooking, wrapping gifts and all of the hustle and bustle that tends to go along with the holidays. As the story concludes, it helps remind readers of the true meaning of the season."

10. "My Penguin Osbert" by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel (ages 4-8) — "Young Osbert is very meticulous with his Christmas list requests as Santa has been slightly off with his deliveries in the past. On Christmas morning, Osbert wakes to find exactly what he asks for under the tree: a real live penguin. While delightful, the quirky penguin delivers Osbert, and young readers, the message of 'be careful what you wish for.'"



WRAPPED up and ready to enjoy the the Christmas Parade, Sunday, Dec. 7, are Makenzy (left) and Addison Denardis, three-year-old twins.



Rhoads & Rhoads is pleased to announce

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KIRK LAGRANGE rides the Mills family float, "Christmas on the Trail," in the Dawson Springs Christmas Parade Sunday, Dec. 7.

LBL Announces Dates For Eagle Viewing Van Tours

Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area is offering the public eagle viewing opportunities. Winter is the time to team up with a naturalist to spot these magnificent birds. On Jan. 17, visitors can spend time in some of the best birding spots across LBL. Scheduled programs are a Winter Birding Hotspots van tour from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Eagles of Northern Land Between The Lakes van tour from 1:30 to 5 p.m. On these naturalist guided tours, visitors will search for eagles, pelicans and some of the 25+ species of waterfowl that call Land Between The Lakes home in the winter. The cost is \$25 per person for a full day (both tours), \$15 per person for a half day (one tour). Tours leave from Badgett Theater in Grand Rivers. Registration is required for all tours, and space is limited. Reservations can be made by phoning 270-924-2020 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. LBL continues to offer a variety of Eagle Viewing Van Tours and River Cruise Tours throughout January and February. They include the following:

- Everything Eagles, 1-4:30 p.m. Jan. 10;
- Sunset Eagle Viewing, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Jan. 11;
- Family-Friendly Eagle, 1:30-5 p.m. Jan. 25;
- Early Bird Eagle, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Jan. 31;
- Everything Eagles, 1:30-5 p.m. Feb. 1 and Feb. 7;
- Sunset Eagle Viewing, 4-6 p.m. Feb. 8.

BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE ORDINANCE #33.03 AMENDED

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2015 FOR THE CITY OF DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, a budget proposal and message was presented to the legislative body on the 16TH day of June, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the proposed budget on the 11th day of June, 2014.

WHEREAS, an amendment is made to Municipal Road Aid due to date of paving

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDED BUDGET IS ADOPTED FOR FY-14-15 AND THE AMOUNTS STATED ARE APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSES INDICATED.

	GENERAL FUND	MUNICIPAL ROAD AID	LGEAF	OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL
REVENUE					
Taxes	632,000				632,000
Licenses & Permits	69,200			36,000	105,200
Charges for Services	217,000				217,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	111,600	241,000	54,000	13,250	419,850
Miscellaneous	11,250			50	11,300
Other Unappropriated Funds	150,000			118,900	268,900
TOTAL REVENUE	1,191,050	241,000	54,000	168,200	1,654,250
EXPENDITURES					
General Government	230,300				230,300
Intergovernmental Exp.	109,700			11,000	120,700
Police Department	405,060			54,000	459,060
Fire Department	62,100			18,700	80,800
Street & Sanitation Dept.	309,600	201,000	6,500		517,100
Other Departments	65,000		4,000	19,000	88,000
Other Expense	1,800		15,550		17,350
Reserve for Contingencies/Capital Equip.	7,490	40,000	27,950	65,500	140,940
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,191,050	241,000	54,000	168,200	1,654,250

DATE OF FIRST PUBLIC READING November 17, 2014.
PUBLICLY READ AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING December 15, 2014.
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ATTEST:

Janet M. Dunbar, City Clerk/Treasurer

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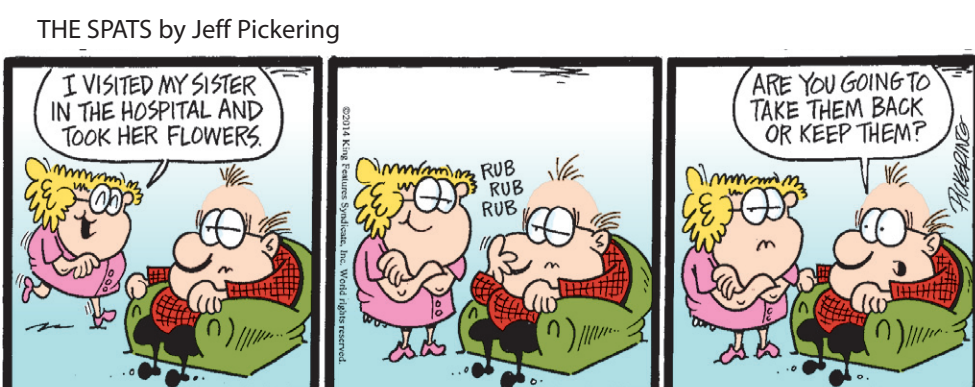
"You two gonna sleep all day?"

LAFF A DAY



"Now let's try it facing the other way."

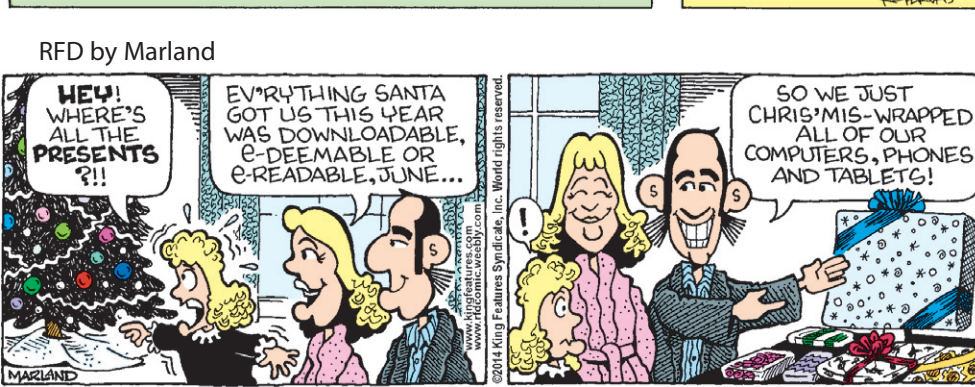
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Beanbag	Football	Javelin	Rice
Bouquet	Frisbee	Parties	Stones
Dice	Grenade	Pillows	

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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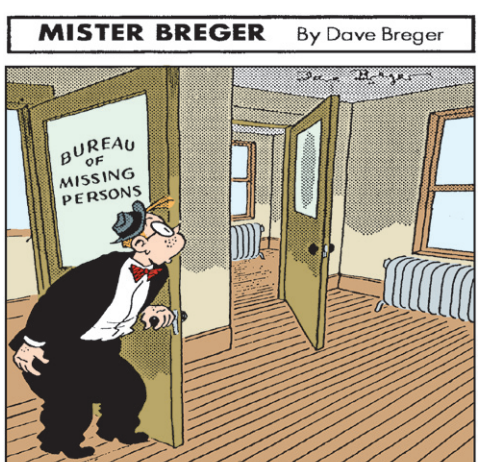
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



TRIVIA TEST

1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What would a group of emus be called?
2. SCIENCE: What is the only known metal that turns to liquid at room temperature?
3. MYTHOLOGY: In Greek mythology, what was the name of the ship that Jason used in pursuit in the Golden Fleece?
4. AD SLOGANS: Which company's ads claim its services are "So easy a caveman can do it"?
5. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which ancient philosopher once said, "If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading"?
6. MEDICAL: What is the condition called cyesis?
7. TELEVISION: Who used to sign off his program with the words, "Good night and good luck"?
8. LANGUAGE: What is the American equivalent of the British term "braces"?
9. MOVIES: In which film is "The Children's Marching Song" performed?
10. LITERATURE: What is the subject matter of the book "Ten Days That Shook the World"?
Answers
1. A mob
2. Mercury
3. The Argo
4. GEICO
5. Lao Tzu
6. Pregnancy
7. Edward R. Murrow
8. Suspenders
9. "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness"
10. The Russian Revolution

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ACROSS

1 Tanning lotion bottle abbr.
4 Herringlike fish
8 More savory
15 1998 Apple debut
19 Confucian "way"
20 Undiluted
21 Qualified to join a payroll
22 One-billionth: Prefix
23 "Oklahoma!" lyricist
26 1982 Disney film
27 Ranch in the film "Giant"
28 Pear variety
29 Of a certain earth science
31 "Pretty in Pink" star
36 Silly
37 "Wait just —"
38 Thumbs-downs
40 Don's code of silence
41 Push-button bankers
44 19th-century chief justice
49 Snaky fish
50 Just so
52 Above, poetically
53 Cigar residue
54 From Jan. 1 until now
55 LAX landing abbr.
56 Explorer for whom a Colorado peak is named
61 "... — a pudgy tat!"
62 Fall back
64 Irish coin
65 Really longs
68 "Three Sisters" sister
69 Member of "N Sync"
74 Hearty hot dog topping
75 Hymns, e.g.
76 Appliance plug-in
77 Terrier type, informally
79 Hi — (some stereotypes)
80 Classical guitarist and lutenist
84 B&B, e.g.
85 Move quickly
86 104, to Ovid
87 "— hoo!"
88 Cro — man
90 Unit for Lendl
91 1980-81 secretary of state
96 Setting of the Taj Mahal
97 Matias and Millenias
99 Ireland, to its natives
100 Bus, get-togethers
102 In combat
103 "Tootsie" director
110 Item-trading place
114 Dip — in (try tentatively)
115 Vital artery
116 "What — God wrought!"
117 "More Than Human" sci-fi novelist
122 In a tie
123 Ill-fated ship
124 Philosopher David or newsman Brit
125 Stockholm loc.
126 Dried up
127 Doorways
128 "Stupid — stupid does"
129 Walk — (tiny roles)
DOWN
1 Charge at
2 Old Toyota coupe
3 — point (center)
4 Hoses down
5 "How's that?"
6 Coffee bean variety
7 Evil one
8 "90210" network
9 With 93-Down, put on a clothesline
10 Imminent alumni: Abbr.
11 Bit of body art, briefly
12 "— your pardon"
13 Wiesel with a Nobel
14 Western city on I-80
15 Perform plainsong
16 She sang "A Tree in the Meadow"
17 Divinely chosen
18 Hide
24 "Finally!"
25 Chinese soup additive
30 Tart fruit
32 Views anew
33 Wilson of Heart
34 Hack (off)
35 Nov. follower
39 Military hats
40 —Kosh
41 1980s video game systems
42 Bullfighter
43 Press secretary under Bush and Reagan
45 Costello of comedy
46 Gibson of film
47 Jorge's gold
48 Suffix for an enzyme
51 Northeast toll road convenience
54 Luxury craft
57 "The Fresh Prince of — Air"
58 "I — hand"
59 Brit's bar
60 Gershwin or Glass
61 Washington port city
63 Actress Everhart
66 Novelist Glyn
67 "Raw" color
70 Contact lens brand
71 Dictator Lon —
72 Dernier —
73 NNW's opposite
78 Revived
80 Singer Croce
81 Sch. in Manhattan
82 Red Sox, on scoreboards
83 Seoul soldier
85 Sweltering weather spell
86 IRA choices
89 Fake fireplace item
90 Huge hits
91 Aural pair
92 "— for Noose"
93 See 9-Down
94 Rx order
95 Moving force
98 "Frasier" role
101 Mean stares
104 Drug cops
105 Summer, to Michel
106 Dinosaur sidekick in Nintendo games
107 "You — Beautiful!"
108 Home of baseball's Indians, informally
109 Welles' "Citizen" and others
111 URL start
112 Toledo locale
113 Korda of tennis
118 Grain staple
119 Cell material
120 "Black gold"
121 Hollywood's Thurman

To Your Good Health

By Keith Roach, M.D.

Coumadin vs. Pradaxa

DEAR DR. ROACH: I was put on Coumadin several years ago for atrial fibrillation. It was a perpetual pain in the butt, all those tests and never knowing from day to day how much the blood had been changed from meal to meal. Both extremes were dangerous. I had two friends on Coumadin who were in remote areas when they fell, both hitting their head. Both died from brain hemorrhage before they could be treated at a hospital. My doctor suggested Pradaxa, a more expensive product, but no testing required. From what I read, there is no more danger of internal bleeding from one than from the other, and apparently Coumadin can be reversed medically in an emergency room while Pradaxa cannot (true or false?).

It would be helpful for you to explain the chemical/medical differences between the two drugs; how they work and why they work differently; and an opinion as to which is the safer to use, and why. — C.L.

ANSWER: Atrial fibrillation, the chaotic beating of the upper part of the heart, puts people at higher risk for blood clots, and is one of the most common reasons to prescribe warfarin (Coumadin). Warfarin really did start off as rat poison, but, like many drugs, it's useful as a medicine in small doses even if it is potentially deadly in high doses. It has been in use for 60 years.

Unfortunately, it is ineffective if you don't give enough and can cause serious bleeding if too much is given, as happened to your friends. The INR blood test (international normalized ratio) is used to determine the correct dose, and the usual desired range is 2-3, although people with mechanical heart valves need a slightly higher dose, 2.5-3.5. Blood testing needs to be done at least every few weeks, and much more often when just starting and in people

whose levels go up and down.

Since warfarin works by blocking vitamin K, people on warfarin need to have a consistent vitamin K intake, which is mostly found in green, leafy vegetables. Vitamin K will reverse the effects of warfarin in half a day or so, but blood products can be used to immediately reverse the effect.

Dabigatran (Pradaxa) is a new medication that works by directly blocking thrombin, a key protein in making clots. Dabigatran should not be given to people with poor kidney function or disease of heart valves. There is no way to reverse its effects.

Studies comparing warfarin and dabigatran have shown similar rates of effectiveness and a slightly lower risk of brain hemorrhage with dabigatran. Some studies show a slightly higher risk of heart attack in people taking dabigatran.

In my opinion, both are reasonable choices. Pradaxa may be more convenient since it doesn't require testing and appears to be about as effective, and with a lower risk of brain hemorrhage. However, there is no antidote, and it needs to be taken twice daily.

READERS: Atrial fibrillation affects some 2 million Americans. To learn more, order the booklet Heartbeat Irregularities by writing: Dr. Roach -- No. 107W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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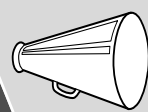
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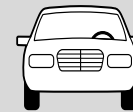
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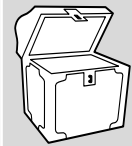
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Crittenden Co. Inmate Returns \$1,220 Cash Found On Job

From the Crittenden Press

Twentieth century novelist C.S. Lewis once explained that “integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.”

Would you venture to imagine a convicted criminal obedient to such values?

Take note of what one Crittenden County Detention Center inmate did when he found \$1,200 cash hopelessly lost at the courthouse where he was cleaning during a work release program a few days ago.

When 29-year-old inmate Cory Leiras of Louisville happened across the cash in an unsealed envelope, it might have been fairly easy to have stuck it away, buried the money out back under a shrub and retrieved it months later upon his release from the jail.

Instead, the man dressed in an orange jumpsuit handed over the money to a clerk in one of the courthouse offices, reporting where and how he’d found it.

A short time later, an elderly man appeared at the courthouse looking for an envelope he’d misplaced while coming to pay his property taxes.

“The gentleman was so grateful that he came straight over here to the jail and put \$50 on the inmate’s account,” said newly-elected Jailer Robbie Kirk.

Inmates have cash accounts to which they can charge purchases from the jail canteen for personal hygiene prod-

ucts, snacks and drinks.

This story could have easily ended there with a good deed adequately rewarded, but it didn’t.

Deputy Jailer Lt. Athena Abshire went into her files searching for an official form to make this incident part of the inmate’s permanent record. Oddly, there was scant information in the corrections handbook about ways to record good deeds. There were plenty of options for bad behavior, she said.

Undaunted, Abshire completed what is known in the jail business as an Extraordinary Incident Report. Such a document is designed for negative issues with regard to inmates, but she altered it a bit to make sure Leiras was rightfully acknowledged for his action.

Abshire is the Class D coordinator for the jail. She is largely responsible for the inmates who are housed in Marion from elsewhere in Kentucky. At any given time, the Class D population at the detention center is about 80 percent or more of the total occupants.

“This is a major incident, but it’s a positive one,” Abshire said. “Sure, it’s slightly different, but he deserved some recognition for what he did.”

Once the Kentucky Department of Corrections reviewed the report, Leiras was notified that two months had been stricken from the end of his sentence. Serving time for receiving stolen property, Leiras says he will be up for

probation soon and hopes this incident will weigh heavily on the minds of the parole board. He said the commuting of 60 days from his sentence was unexpected.

“It’s been a nice blessing,” he said. “It was not expected. I didn’t even know that could be done.”

Kirk said this story is certainly not normal, and that it was worth telling because it does reflect well upon the system that aims to reform criminals.

“It shows that our Class D coordinator is doing a good job of selecting the inmates who are allowed to participate in the work release program,” Kirk said. “And it shows that this man was trustworthy enough to do the right thing.”



MORGAN ADAMS, 4, decked out in his reindeer cap is enjoying the Christmas Parade, Sunday, Dec. 7.



DAWSON SPRINGS High School band members who made and delivered Christmas cards to Tradewater and Dawson Springs health and rehabilitation centers Friday, Dec. 19, are (front, from left) Mallory Hall and Jett McKnight; (back) Katie Alexander, Caitlynn Moore, Presley Stevens, Devan Baker, and Zach Bivins.

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MILLS family members who traditionally sing Christmas carols to their neighbors and friends during the holiday season are caroling here Saturday, Dec. 20, at the home of Scott and Beth Dillingham on South Main Street. They are (from left) Eric Nielson, Kirk LaGrange, Alex Mills, Jacob Mills, Samantha Mills O’Leary, Camryn LaGrange, Cecilia Nielson, Chelsea Mills Julian, Kenna LaGrange, Rhonda Mills, Natalie Mills, and Jay Nielson. (not pictured are Donnie Mills, Billy Mills, Tyler Julian and Chase and Laura Mills.)



MEMBERS of the YW Club attending their Christmas party at the home of Peggy Furgerson Thursday, Dec. 18, are (front, from left) Shirley Menser, JoAnn Edwards, Charlotte Cooley, Peggy Furgerson, Lisa Riley, Kathy Beshears, Tana Aldridge, (back) Sharon Budd, Jeannine Moore, Bonnie Mills, Carolyn Stevens, Wanda Hughes, Debbie Coats, Barbara Thomas, Janis Peroddy, Marvalyn Tolbert, and Sandra Menser.

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YW Club Enjoys Christmas Party

The Dawson Springs YW Club met Dec. 18 at the home of Peggy Furgerson for the annual Christmas party. Hostesses were Furgerson, Shirley Menser, Barbara Kinsolving and Wanda Hughes.

The theme for the party was Christmas Past. Several members were in apparel depicting eras of their youth or historical periods. The tables were decorated with the theme, and a potluck meal was served.

During the business

meeting, minutes from the previous meeting and the treasurer’s report were approved. No other business was conducted.

Members exchanged gifts and were surprised with gifts from the hostesses. Those who had perfect attendance were acknowledged with gifts. They were Sandra Menser, Janis Peroddy, Marvalyn Tolbert, Carolyn Stevens, Shirley Menser and Furgerson. Club president Kathy Beshears was given an

appreciation gift.

Door prizes went to Bonnie Mills, JoAnn Edwards, Debbie Coats, Lisa Riley and Stevens.

Rook was played with Jeannie Moore, high; Beshears, second high; and Sandra Menser, low.

In addition to the hostesses, members present were Charlotte Cooley, Barbara Thomas, Tana Aldridge, Sharon Budd, Sandra Menser, Riley, Beshears, Mills, Coats, Stevens, Peroddy, Moore, Edwards and Tolbert.

Baptist Health Chooses Rudd Vice Chairman

Allen Rudd, president of Rudd Insurance Inc. of Madisonville, will begin a two-year term Jan. 1 as vice chairman of the board of directors for the Baptist Health system.

Rudd is currently board chairman for Baptist Health Madisonville, one of seven hospitals in the system based in Louisville.

“Allen has shown strong leadership on the Baptist Health Madisonville board during a time of significant change for our organization,” said Mike Baumgartner, president of Baptist Health Madisonville. “He will be a strong advocate for our community on the system board as we transition our focus on keeping our communities healthy, integrating a new information technology system and consolidating our medical groups. Allen has helped us to focus on quality in the patient experience, and his business experience has been instrumental in the positive growth of our organization.”



CLARA KATE DILLINGHAM makes her first visit to Santa recently. She is the daughter of Robert and Jenny Dillingham, Brentwood, Tenn.; granddaughter of Scott and Beth Dillingham, Dawson Springs, and Walt and Durena Bridegroom, Fishers, Ind.; great granddaughter of Pollyanna Dillingham, Dawson Springs, and Lois Bridegroom, Knox, Ind.

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UMWA Local 5138 donated \$500 to the Dawson Springs Family Resource Youth Service Center for the Christmas adoption program. Making the presentation are (from left) Donnie Parrent, Bill Townzen, Christy Winfrey and Dianne Labrado.

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KSP ‘Cram The Cruiser’ Food Drive Is A Success

Kentucky State Police Commissioner Rodney Brewer announced Thursday that the agency’s Cram the Cruiser food drive netted 232,011 pounds of food statewide.

Brewer initiated the program in 2010 to assist needy families in the local post and region areas. Since that time, the agency has contributed more than 500,000 pounds of food to shelters, food banks and churches across the commonwealth.

“The Cram the Cruiser food drive was established with the goal of giving back to our local communities who support our units throughout the year,” said Brewer. “Helping those in need is a fundamental part of

our mission throughout rural Kentucky.”

Brewer says the campaign has developed into a friendly competition among KSP posts and Commercial Vehical Enforcement regions to see which location can collect the most food. The Harlan Post is the reigning champion this year with a total of 43,825 pounds of food collected.

“Words can’t express how proud I am of the posts and community members who went above and beyond to make this food drive successful,” said Brewer. “Cram the Cruiser is a great example of law enforcement partnering with their communities for the betterment of the commonwealth.”

HATLEYS CELEBRATE BEFORE DECEMBER 25

Early Christmas Means Weekend-Long House Party

By Carolyn Walker

Christmas came early this year at the Hatley residence at 504 S. Main St. in Dawson Springs. Ruby and Richard Hatley and their children and grandchildren celebrated with a weekend-long house party that began Dec. 19. The date for the annual Christmas get together is determined by the schedules of the family members.

Participating in the festivities were Rickey and Carol Hatley of Somerset, their twin daughters Jennifer and Emily and their oldest daughter and son-in-law Jessica and Jim Adkins; and Randy and Kim Hatley of Franklin, Tenn., and their children Kelsey and Ethan Riley.

"They all come home for Christmas," Ruby said, "but the boys probably wouldn't come home if I didn't make a fresh coconut cake."

The cake, the original recipe of Ruby's mother Jessie Riley, is part of the Christmas tradition that is a joint effort. Richard's job is to drain the milk from the coconut and crack and peel it, and Ruby finishes the cake. A shrimp boil and ham are also on the menu, and fresh frozen corn is a must.

Other Hatley traditions include the reading of the Christmas story from the second chapter of Luke. The family also enjoys playing games together, especially charades and trying out games received as gifts.

On the Friday after Thanksgiving, Jessica, Jim, Jennifer and Emily put up the outside lights for their grandparents. Among them is a poinsettia made by Donald Smith.

Every room in the home where the Hatleys have lived since 1983 is decorated for Christmas. Ruby says she likes to put up several trees and has 11 this year. They still use some of their first Christmas ornaments as well as some wooden ornaments their sons painted when they were young boys. Many ornaments are gifts from teachers and students Ruby worked with during her 26 years as an instructional assistant in the local school system.

The Hatleys have a New England village, started several years ago by Kent and Donna Dillingham, that stays out year-round. A brick from the old Baptist church building with a picture of the church

painted by Jonathan Storms also has a permanent place in the décor.

Richard's UK room is a feature in the home of these avid fans. Two small trees, one wooden and one green, with blue and white lights and University of Kentucky ornaments go up at the beginning of basketball season and stay until the tournament is over. A 1,000-piece UK jigsaw puzzle, which the Hatleys assembled and framed, hangs on the wall.

CAULIFLOWER BROCCOLI SALAD

1-1/2 cups chopped cauliflower
1-1/2 cups chopped broccoli
1 med. red onion, chopped
1 cup fresh red or green grapes
8 slices bacon, cooked in microwave
2 T white vinegar
1/2 cup sugar (Equal or Sweet & Low)

1 cup fat free Miracle Whip
1-1/2 tsp. Greek seasoning
Layer the chopped vegetables, grapes and bacon. Mix vinegar, sweetner, Miracle Whip, Greek seasoning and spread over vegetables. Refrigerate.

SAUSAGE ROLLS

2 cups plain flour
1/3 cup corn meal
4 T. shortening
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
Add enough milk to make a stiff dough. Roll out dough. Take one pound sausage, using warm water to dip hands, spread sausage over dough. Roll up as for jelly roll. Wrap in foil and chill. Slice and bake at 400° for 25 minutes. Dough may be sliced and frozen on a cookie sheet. They may then be placed in a plastic bag for storage.

BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

6 slices bread (wheat or white or hamburger buns)
1 lb. sausage, brown and drain
6 eggs
2 cups milk
1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, grated
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. dry mustard
dash of pepper
Butter a 9x13 inch baking dish, tear bread into bite size pieces and arrange on bottom of dish. Spread browned and drained sausage evenly over bread. Sprinkle cheese over mixture. Beat eggs, milk, salt, and dry mustard and pepper. Pour over bread, sausage and cheese. Bake in 350° oven for 35 to 40 minutes. Slice and serve.

TEA TIME TASSIES

crust
1 (3 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
1/2 cup butter
1 cup flour
Combine cream cheese, butter and flour until resembles cornmeal. Knead just until holds together into ball. Chill and roll out on floured board. Cut and place in ungreased miniature muffin tin.

filling

1 large egg
1 tsp. butter
3/4 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
2 cups pecans, divided
Mix eggs, butter, brown sugar, vanilla and 1 cup pecans. Pour filling into unbaked crusts. Top with remaining cup of pecans for decoration. Bake in medium oven (about 350°) for 30 minutes.

RED VELVET DELIGHTS

Red Velvet Cake Mix
1 can vanilla cake icing
1 pkg. vanilla candy bark
Bake cake mix in sheet cake pan as directed on box. Let cool completely. Use plastic gloves! Crumble cake until like meal. Add cake icing until completely worked in cake. Make nickel size balls, place on cookie sheets. Put in freezer over night. Use tooth picks and spoon, dip balls in melted vanilla candy bark, place on wax paper until bark hardens. Makes about 100 pieces.

GRAPE SALAD

Red grapes, white grapes and black grapes
1 cup white sugar
1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
1 (cup) 8 oz. sour cream
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 cup chopped pecans
Mix white sugar and cream cheese until smooth, add sour cream and vanilla. Pour over grapes and stir. Combine brown sugar with pecans. Sprinkle over grape mixture. Refrigerate overnight.

GREAT DIP

1 lb. ground beef
1 lb. hot sausage
1 can green chilies
1 can Rotel tomatoes
1 can golden cream of mushroom soup
1 tsp. garlic powder
1 2-lb. box Velveeta cheese cubed
Cook ground beef and sausage until brown, drain. Put in crock pot, add green chilies, Rotel tomatoes, mushroom soup, garlic and Velveeta cheese. Heat until melted. Serve with tortilla chips.



OLD FASHIONED FRESH GRATED COCONUT CAKE

White cake
1-1/2 cups sugar with stick butter
3 cups plain sifted flour with 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1/2

RUBY HATLEY precisely measures one of the ingredients for the icing and meringue which will be spread on her old fashioned fresh grated coconut cake while her husband Richard watches from across the room to make sure she does everything right. The cake is a family tradition at the Hatley's for Christmas. She said she didn't think her boys would come home for Christmas if there wasn't a fresh coconut cake.



RUBY and RICHARD HATLEY stand in front of the fireplace at their home on South Main Street. The couple have lived in the two-story house for 31 years.



RUBY spreads a coconut mixture on the top and between each layer of one of her children's favorite Christmas desserts.

teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons vanilla
1-1/2 cups milk
Beat 3 egg whites until stiff. Beat into sugar, flour and other ingredients until well blended. Bake in the lined and greased cake pans at 350° for 30 minutes. Put cake on oven proof cake plate!

Coconut Icing and Meringue

1 or 2 fresh coconuts grated or ground
SAVE the coconut milk!
1-1/2 cups sugar with coconut milk and water to make 1-1/2 cups. Boil liquid with coconut until the coconut is clear color, about 10-15 minutes. Spread coconut mixture between each layer. End with mixture on top of cake. Beat 6 egg whites until stiff. Add 1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar, and 6 tablespoons sugar, spread on top and sides of cake. Brown in oven until light brown. Cool in oven before taking out.



THE Hatleys, especially Richard, are huge UK Wildcat fans. One room in the house is mostly blue. There are two Wildcat Christmas trees among the 11 in the house.

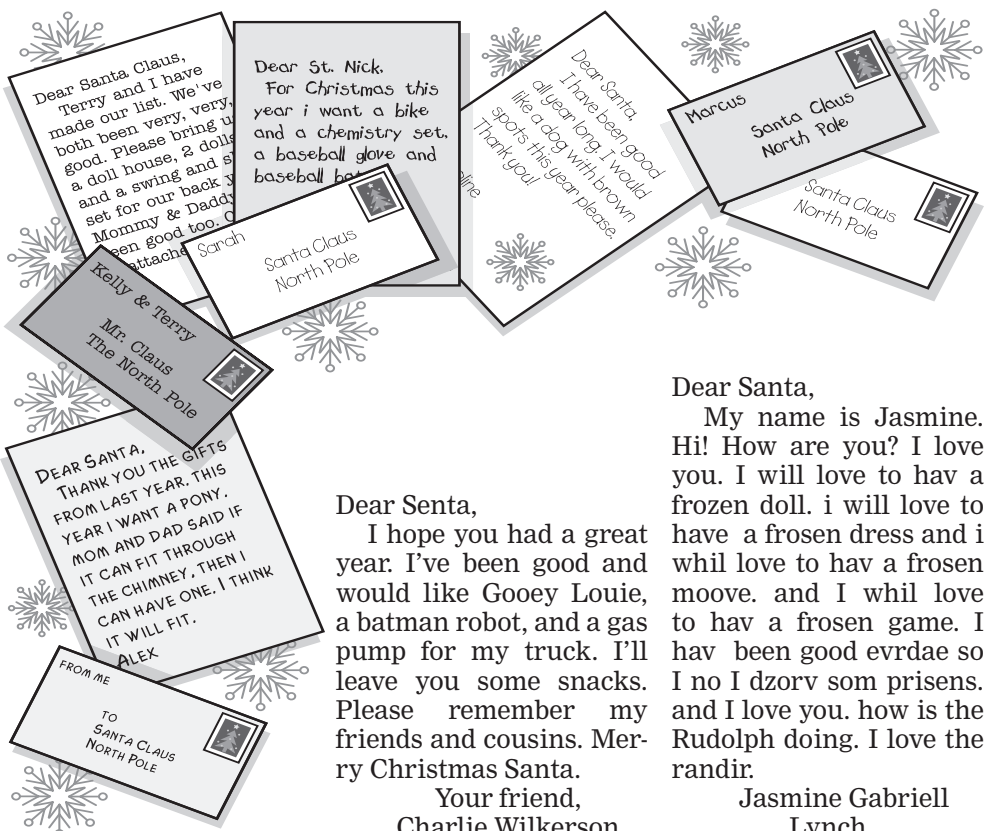


THE centerpiece on the Hatley's dining room table has two cardinals inside a glass bell. Richard is quick to point out he really likes cardinals, just not the ones from Louisville.



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Dear Santa,
I hope you had a great year. I've been good and would like Gooley Louie, a batman robot, and a gas pump for my truck. I'll leave you some snacks. Please remember my friends and cousins. Merry Christmas Santa.
Your friend,
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Dear Santa,
My name is Jasmine. Hi! How are you? I love you. I will love to have a frozen doll. i will love to have a frozen dress and i whil love to have a frozen moove. and I whil love to have a frozen game. I hav been good evrdae so I no I dzorv som prisens. and I love you. how is the Rudolph doing. I love the randir.
Jasmine Gabriell
Lynch

Dear Santa,
I want a Xbox 360 PSH, Xbox one, call of duty modern warfare 1 call of duty advanced warfare because I have been helping Andrew.
Jakub Bowley

Dear Santa,
I want a phone and a nabijr because I have been working hard at home and a Monster High doll.
Haylee O'Neil

Dear Santa,
I want a knittstuf 80B. I want a blet. I want a phone. I want a head-phones. I want all the tor-sitot on the popir because I am a good girl. because I help my mom and my dad.
Kyrstin Tossi

Dear Santa,
I want a 3DS sypr smash brothers game because i have been good, and i have been helping my mom. Nerf scrpin because i have been doing thors at home.
Bryon Coggins

Dear Santa,
My name is Devin. I am 5 years old. I am in kindergarten. Would you please bring me a few toys. Remember my brothers Corey he is three and Brandon is 2.
Your little friend,
Derrin Wallace

Dear Santa,
I want a toy Anna doll because I helpt at home a lot. I want a phone because I helpt at school.
Payton Mssey

Dear Santa,
I want Hach because I've been working hard. Also i want monsters university. Also I want a i pod becuse I help my sister with the dishis.
Sadee Cowan

Dear Santa,
I want a Wiiu because I help my mom macke a bottle for the babby. I want a barbie ponay because I wash the dishis for my mom. thank you for all the stuf that you have gave me.
Lakhia Matchem

Dear Santa,
My name is Olivia. I am 2-1/2 years old. Would you please bring me a little bike for Christmas. Remember my sister Kai-tyln. She s 5 and little brothr Kyler. He is 5 months old. Remember the other little girls and boys.
Happy holidays Santa.
Your little friend,
Olivia Brothers

Dear Santa,
I want a PS4 because I want a Ipod because I leve Mom.
Brady Brown

Dear Santa,
I would like a XBd9t12.
Love,
Aaron Peters

Dear Santa,
I would like a Rasrsrscrt.
Love,
Aubrie Thomas

Dear Santa,
I would like a lbaDyf.
Love,
Avery Shelton

Dear Santa,
I would like a mrsc.
Love,
Dakota Davis

Dear Santa,
I would like a Rasrsrct.
Love,
Faith Linville

Dear Santa,
I would like a desc.
Love,
Hadi Thomas

Dear Santa,
I would like a frozen har Jrestos.
Love,
Hailey Denardis

Dear Santa,
I would like a Shocr.
Love,
Isaac Laffoon

Dear Santa,
I would like a Pawrasr.
Love,
Jaiden Darnell

Dear Santa,
I would like a roDot.
Love,
Keigan Nolan



Dear Santa,
I would like a rabt.
Love, Kenley Haulk

Dear Santa,
I would like a we.
Love,
Lucas Dukes

Dear Santa,
I would like a Markinbol-wefalot.
Love,
Maria Alvarado

Dear Santa,
I would like a Pariik.
Love,
Mary Duke

Dear Santa,
I would like a Markinbol Wefalotof clos.
Love,
Neveah Hawkins

Dear Santa,
I would like a truk.
Love,
Presten Alfred

Dear Santa,
I would like a stipk.
Love,
Preston Drennan

Dear Santa,
I would like a rabit.
Love,
Shiloh Garrett

Dear Santa,
I would like a robot.
Love,
Eli Vincent

Dear Santa,
I would like a drerek.
Love,
Jeremiah Keller

Dear Santa,
I would like a babe dlll.
(baby doll)
Love,
Alyssa Allison

Dear Santa,
I would like a sowman.
(snowman)
Love,
Cayden Austin

Dear Santa,
I would like a Alsus. (Elsa)
Love,
Caylee Baize

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nobe.
(nabi)
Love,
Easton Bourland

Dear Santa,
I would like a wey.
(woody)
Love,
Josiah Bowley

Dear Santa,
I would like a powr rangr.
(power ranger)
Love,
Eli Britt

Dear Santa,
I would like a tatt. Tr. (toy microwave)
Love,
Savanna Dunbar

Dear Santa,
I would like a Alsus jras.
(Elsa dress)
Love,
Kylee Gray

Dear Santa,
I would like a Jadi sod. It has a Jadi cat. (Jedi sword. It has a Jedi coat.)
Love,
Courland Harris

Dear Santa,
I would like a pado macr.
(play dough maker)
Love,
Kate Lynn Harris

Dear Santa,
I would like a lato. (lap-top)
Love,
Gage Hayden

Dear Santa,
I would like a frozen toy.
Love,
Cheyenne Hazelbaker

Dear Santa,
I would like a Ninja Turtl.
Love,
Nathan Jarboe

Dear Santa,
I would like a Ifun.
(Iphone)
Love,
Sophia Johnson

Dear Santa,
I would like a trtl slstum.
(turtle costume)
Love,
Dalton Lloyd

Dear Santa,
I would like a Brbe Dol.
(Barbie Doll)
Love,
Katie Payne

Dear Santa,
I would like a pla do mpcr.
(play dough maker)
Love,
Jazmin Sherrill



Dear Santa,
I would like a Bobe Doll.
(baby doll)
Love,
Peyton Sutton

Dear Santa,
I would like an isskn. (ice cream truck)
Love,
Charlee Tossi

Dear Santa,
I would like a rodot.
(robot)
Love,
Devin Wallace



Seasons Greetings



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Dear Santa...



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Dear Santa,

For Christmas I really, really want hotwheels. Sometimes I like boy toys. I also want a Lololoopsy doll. I already have three of those. The last thing I want is a rocking horse. I have been wanting a rocking horse so so so so bad. If you could do that, I would be so grateful. So on Christmas, please bring me all the stuff I put on the list.



Love,
Elizabeth Garrett

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Dear Santa,
I want Ipad oven TV Iphone.
Hailey Cole

Dear Santa,
My name is Aubrie. Hi! How are you? I love you. Would you bring me a lalaloopsy back oven Would you bring me a Iphone, would you bring me some frozen shoes, and would you bring me real puppy. thank you Santa I been helping I will leave some cookies.
Aurie Hickerson

Dear Santa,
Hello my name is Jaxen. How are you doing today? I would love to have a set of Ninja turtles lego set please, durt bike please, pistol please, 20 gage, pain ball gun, blue and gray robot, play station 3, Xbox 360, Xbox 1, Xbox 2, Xbox 3 I am going to give some milk and cookies.
Jaxen Thomas

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. I want a i Pod. I should git that because I been good.
Millie Cotton

Dear Santa,
Hi My name is Kailey sweet Santa close. I love you Santa you ary niste to me. you are cinmd canyou bring me a monster high dolls I well like a book and amake up, crayns, and I well like a bell, stamps, taktos, fake food, I like soke shrte Elf on the Shef.
Kailey Adamson

Dear Santa,
My name is Ethan Rzepka Can you bring me a Xbox and cars tank Ipad 2.
Ethan Rzepka

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa I am Gabriel I love you I wood like a operating blogun, stotahmland a cande cane I will leve cooces for you Santa
Gabriel Thomas

Dear Santa,
I am Jacob. How are you plaes bring me lego nija turtles, and a sata doll, and elf, I bee good at scool, I wil give the raindeer food.
Jacob Embry

Merry Christmas

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Dear Santa...

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. There are only three things I want. I want an phone, a my little pony phone holder, and a my little pony Bobel head please.

Love,
Cheydon Marie Shelton

Dear Santa,
I can't wait for Christmas. I love my new elf. I love seeing my family. This is what I want for Christmas: A crazy loom set. A choklit Bar maker, A LaLa Loopsie that makes beads.

Love,
Bryleigh Tolbert

Dear Santa,
I would like a Tety Bear. I would like a puppy. I would also like Aytrotter for Christmas. Thank you for everything last year.

Love,
Annicka Baird

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,
I want a PS4, a kitten, and an Xbox. I'll leave some cookies and milk.

Love,
Kevin Gray

Dear Santa,
The reason i want an RCX-D car is because my Dad had one and I think it was cool.

I like a water gun like my friends water gun because it is like the one off of Call of Duty Black Ops. The reason I want one is because I never had one in my life.

Love,
Bobby Cotton

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want to have an Xbox one, a cat, and a max tow truck. My house is the Wingow Apartments, Door D.

Love,
Vincent Stanley

Dear Santa,
I want a green Zoomer Dino. I also want Legos and Hiccup from How to Train Your Dragon.

Austin Terry

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a phone? Santa Can I have a Kentucky Out fitt please? Please Santa can I have a play Station for Christmas? I have been good this year.

Love,
Kolby Crook

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a monster Hiy doll, a new ge-tear, and a new wi game. I like Christmas.

Love,
Anabell Jarboe

Dear Santa,
This as a letter to you and a wish list.

I would like an I phone 4, girl elf on the shelf, and an American girl doll Samantha.

I want an I phone 4 because two of my cousins have them. The reason that I would like a girl elf on the shelf is because I think she would look cute.

I would like an American girl doll because I have the girl of the year and one that has no name.

Love,
Savannah Mae Matheny

Dear Santa,
I want a new play gun, a dirt bike, a new four wiler.

Santa, I have been a good boy this year.

Dear Santa,
Love,
Connor Latham

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want an Art Kit, some dress up clothes, and a stuffed bear with a red ribbon. I want some dress up clothes because I like to pretend. I want an art kit because I lke to draw. I want a stuffed bear because it will keep me warm.

Love,
Chloe Britt

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter.
I have been very good this year.
I want poop beads,
I also want a bobby house.
Hi Santa I am Meme,
So you know I love Christmas
You also know I am 8 now.
Love,
Meme Young.



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*It is the Soldier, not the minister
Who has given us freedom of religion.*

*It is the Soldier, not the reporter
Who has given us freedom of the press.*

*It is the Soldier, not the poet
Who has given us freedom of speech.*

*It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer
Who has given us freedom to protest.*

*It is the Soldier, not the lawyer
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.*

*It is the Soldier, not the politician
Who has given us the right to vote.*

*It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,
Who serves beneath the flag,
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.*

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Barbie house, my life balirena with clothes, and a baby doll that breaths, coos and has her own heart beat.

Love,
Lauren Throgmorton

Dear Santa,
I want chapsters, Elf on the shelf, and hot wheels.

Love,
Emma Midkiff

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me Mincraft toys? I really love them.

Love,
Levi West
Thank you Santa Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a Pop the pig, Isabell the American girl doll, and an art kit. i would like it because I would like it.

Love,
Peyton Pace
We leave milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a remote control semi, a helicopter, and a remote control boat.

Love,
Taylor Paris

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,
I want a stay puller, a backpack, and a computer.

Love,
Lily Simmons

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year. I want an American girl doll, a teddy bear, and a scooter for Christmas.

Love,
Chloe Massey

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,
I want something this Christmas and that is an Ipad, a robe, and transformers. Please bring my dog some treats.

Love,
Caydin Shawn Riley

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Dear Santa,
I want a frozen doll set for Christmas. And I also want a tablet for Christmas. for Christmas. I want a castle also Santa. Thank you so much.

Love,
Emily Hilt



DRESSED warmly and seated to watch the Christmas Parade, Sunday, Dec. 7, are Laura Duncan (left) and Laura Metherd.



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a heartfelt Thank You for the welcome I've received.

Karen McKnight
Circuit Court Clerk
and Staff

Dear Santa,
I want a big T-Rex, a stuffed animal cat, and a Triceratops for Christmas.

I wanted a stuffed animal cat because I want another one. I wanted a big T-Rex because mine broke. I wanted a Triceratops because I don't have one.

Love,
Christopher Morgan

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a swing set, and art kit, and an American girl doll. I want an art kit because I love art. I want a swing set because I like to swing. Also I want an American girl doll because I like to play with them.

Love,
Gracie Barnett
Merry Christmas Santa

Dear Santa,
I would like an I pod, and I phone 4, and play station 4. The reason I want these gifts because they are what I want for Christmas.

Love,
Trevor Denardis

Dear Santa,
I want a cat, an Xbox 360, and a ps 2. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Colin Reardon

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,

I wish for a bow and arrow, a nerf gun and to be with my family. My brother breaks my toys and I need new toys.

Love,
Cadence Harris

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,

I want an Ipad with games, a lot more hot wheels, and a touch screen laptop for Christmas. Thank you very much.

I want an Ipad with games because my little sister was playing with it and dropped it in the toilet. I want hot wheels because I love them. I want a laptop touch screen so I can teach with it.

(P.S. I will leave you milk and cookies.)

Love,
Hailey Danielle Goodaker

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year and these are the things I want for Christmas. I want a make up set, Ever After High Dolls, and an American girl with glasses and brown hair. I lost my other make up set, and I only have two Ever After High Dolls. I also really want an American girl.

Love,
Emily Barrientos

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. Will you please get me a dareway? I want a green mashen. Will you get me a gum ball mashen? Thank You! I love you. You're nice.

Love,
Skylar Elivia Ralins

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, I want stuffed animals, and I want girl legos.

I love you Santa, and I have been a good girl this year.

Love,
Erica Bruce

Dear Santa,
I would like these three things: a magic 8 ball, a hoover ball, and some minecraft stuff.

Santa, I have been very good.

Love,
Keaton Gentry

Dear Santa,
I want a spray paint maker. I want a crayon maker. I also want an Elsa doll. I think I have been very good this year. I love Elsa and Anna dolls.

Love,
Ava Ward

Dear Santa,
Do you know what I want for Christmas? I just want from you and Mrs. Claus a scooter, a bike and a stretchy.

Love,
Dakota Berry

Dear Santa,
I want a Wii U, a mike the Knight and a race car. I have been good.

Darrell Brandon



Dear Santa,
I want an I pod, a computer, and a tablet.

Why? Because I want to play on it and take pictures and videos.

Love,
Tallie Robinson

Dear Santa,

My name is Jackson Hilt. Hi! How are the reindeer. I want a Batman 3, mojo 2 Zoo, mraino max tow truck. I do my chores and doo my homework.

Jackson Hilt



KOLBY CROOK, in his elfin apparel, hands out candy as he walks with the First Christian Church group in the Dawson Springs Christmas Parade Sunday, Dec. 7.

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

This letter is from all of us at Dawson Springs Pre-school. We have all been very good children this year!! Our teachers here tell us we are very good listeners and great helpers! We have been making all kinds of things for our Christmas tree. Our teachers asked us to name a few special things we would like you to bring us this year. Our friends Jaila, Jett, and Braxton were not here when we wrote this letter to you, Santa please bring them something special too. Thank you very much Santa! We will be sure to leave you a special treat Christmas Eve. Please tell Mrs. Claus we said "hello" and be careful on your sleigh!

Troy: Big tow truck and a big yellow bull dozer
Leland: Train set
Maddie: Make-up
Emma : Play kitchen
Tristan: Race Car
Jaxen: Train
Levi: Robo Dino
Addi: Mike the Knight toy
Shane: Spiderman toys
Alexander: Ben 10 Ultimate Alien
Odin: Train
Jasmine: Walking Doggie
Chase: X-Box
Nevaeh: Tablet and DS
Ladon: Play Car
Bentley: Bus

Ashtyn: Computer and a Baby Doll
Jayleigh: Barbie and Makeup
Savanna: Baby Doll
Donald: Blue Scooter, and a play dough cake maker
Baylee: Computer and Doc McStuffin toys
Elin: Elsa shoes that light up

Gracie: Baby Ana
Samuel: 4-wheeler
Piper: Baby doll
Cedric: Thomas the Train with controls on him
Kileah: Doc McStuffins
Lemi the Lamb and a talking my little pony

Jaxson: Remote control Truck and a Bike
Chloe: Barbie Doll
Coalton: DVD Player
McKayla: Doc McStuffins toy Princess Castle
Cameron: Microphone and a 4-Wheeler
Jason: Lego's
Merry Christmas!
We love you Santa!

Dear Santa,
I would like a video gam.
Love,
David Abbott

Dear Santa,
I would like handcuffs.
Love,
Collin Bourland

Dear Santa,
I would like video gam.
Love,
Jacob Bruce

Dear Santa,
I would like Sofeea dol.
Love,
Mazie Cotton

Dear Santa,
I would like ninja turtle toy.
Love,
Elijah Dzikowski

Dear Santa,
I would like toe cr.
Love,
Matthew Elrod

Dear Santa,
I would like Helo Kity car.
Love,
Brenna Nash

Dear Santa,
I would likevideo gam.
Love,
Isaiah Berry

Dear Santa,
I would like Robot dog.
Love,
Jenna Fairchild

Dear Santa,
I would likevideo gam.
Love,
Colton Grable

Dear Santa,
I would like ras car.
Love,
Jackson Petit

Dear Santa,
I would like RC car.
Love,
Aden McKinney

Dear Santa,
I would like Olaf toy.
Love,
Allyson Kovach

Dear Santa,
I would like car.
Love,
Micah Jones

Dear Santa,
I would like handcuffs.
Love,
Raylee Hall

Dear Santa,
I would like Help Kity car.
Love,
Addison Pleasant

Dear Santa,
I would like Xbox.
Love,
Braydon Pleasant

Dear Santa,
I would like barbe hos.
Love,
Kiaira Sellers

Dear Santa,
I would like ras car.
Love,
TJ Shaw

Dear Santa,
I would like Robot dog.
Love,
Kaylee Wigley



PENNYRILE State Park's float in the Dawson Springs Christmas Parade Sunday, Dec. 7, says "Take A Hike" along the happy trails at Pennyrile.




RICHARD ROEHR (left) and Scotty Parsons Jr. carry the banner to lead the First Christian Church entry in the Dawson Springs Christmas Parade Sunday, Dec. 7.
photo by Sheldon Mitchell



STAFF, families, and "Friends of the Dawson Springs Library" encourage everyone to ride the trails of adventure through reading in the Dawson Springs Christmas Parade Sunday, Dec. 7.

Greetings of
joy & goodwill

May this be a Christmas full of wonder and joy for you and your family.



*From Your Four Court Judges
In Hopkins County*

Judge Jim Brantley
Judge Susan McClure
Judge Logan Calvert
Judge Bill Whitledge



Merry Christmas

*Wishing you and your family
a wonderful Christmas*

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BESHEARS**
6th District Magistrate
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Dear Santa...

Dear Santa,
I want a Hello Kitty Pillow. I would also like a frozen doll and a Hello Kitty doll. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love,
Alley Sherman

Dear Santa,
I love you. I would like a Ipad, 4 wheeler, a dog and a I-pad have been good this yar i am six
Love,
Jaydon

Dear Santa,
My name is Ben I will like a X-box one, A big house, And a TV, And a Movie TV, and I have been good.
Ben Menser

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaxon Miller. I love you Santa. I want a Lego Bat man 3, I want a Wii- U TV. i want a lego city and a spider-man 3.
Jaxon Miller



Dear Santa,
My name is Darrell. I am 6 years old. i have been a pretty good boy. I would like to have a Wii-U and games Mike the Knight, a race car. I will leave a snack.
Love,
Darrell B.

Dear Santa,
This is Carter. How are you Santa? I will like a big Airhockey. Can i get a T-rex ples. I will like a big machine gun can gif me a air plan
Hapey Christmas Santa
Carter McCutchen



Dear Santa,
My name is Joshua. I been help my Mom. Santa cn you bring cars, bat-man, Iron man, a candy cane.
Joshua Pace

Dear Santa,
My name is Max
I want a 22 pistol. I've been hunting. I want a 20 gage. I want a 12 gage. I want a truck. I want a deer stan. I want a dinosr. I want a Ipad. I want a drt bick.
Max Jaxon Franklin

Dear Santa,
I am Logan. Please bring me a DS-1, video games and a watch. I've helped clen my room.
Love,
Logan

Dear Santa,
I luv Christmas. Santa can please bring me a a train and train track.
Love,
Donevan Blanton



Dear Santa,
I want a green machine. I want a new bike for my Daddy's house. AndI want it to be blue. I want a big lego set. And I want octimus prime and bumble bee transformers. I want a tree house.
Kenyen Terrell Williams

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some play-doh and markers. I would also like a skate board. I promise to be good.
Love,
Corbin Jennings

Dear Santa,
I want shark toys, stuff animals. and snake toys because I have been good.
Love,
Cheyenne Faith

Dear Santa,
I want NBA 2 k 15, a trampaleen, and a fat-head of Lebron, James or of Russeil wesbrook.
Love,
Montgomery David Johnston



KENNETH AND SYLVIA THOMAS, grand marshals of the 2014 Dawson Springs Christmas Parade, ride in a 1966 Ford Galaxy convertible owned and driven by Bill Allen Sunday, Dec. 7. photo by Sheldon Mitchell



DAWSON SPRINGS High School band members performing during the downtown lighting ceremony Sunday, Dec. 7, are (from left) Celebrity Duncan, Alysta Butts, Blake Mitchell, Katie Alexander, and Madison Garrett.

Dear Santa,
My name is Jasmine. Hi! How are you? I love you. I will love to hav a frozen doll. i will love to have a frosen dress and i whil love to hav a frosen moove. and I whil love to hav a frosen game. I hav been good evrdae so I no I dzorv som prisens. and I love you. how is the Rudolph doing. I love the randir.
Jasmine Gabriell Lynch

Dear Santa,
My name is Sariah Hi Santa How are the raindeer. Thank you for the preens Can I please have Elsa evrything, zoomer dino, Zoomer, stedhkid are you going to have a grate time riding Rudolph oh. I forgot something I love you Santa. i have been good.
Sariah Consolino



MISS DAWSON SPRINGS Hannah Childers listens to presentations during the downtown lighting ceremony Sunday, Dec. 7.

Merry Christmas



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County Judge Executive

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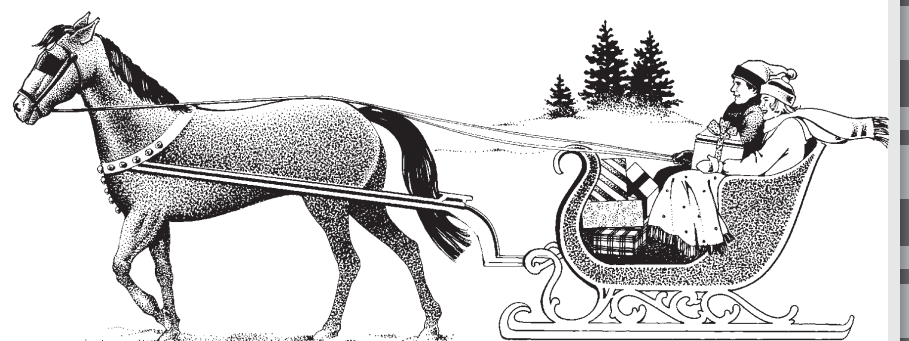
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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
My name is Hayden Hi
How are the deer I would
like to have a I pad and a
BB gun and I wol lev food
Hayden Rudd

Dear Santa,
My name is Hunter
Hi! How are you today?
I would love a Mopigo 2
a Lego city a Pokemon
cards and Rudolph and i
eould like to ave a Jobot
Hunter Wirth

Dear Santa,
I wood lick a ticket to
hawaii I have been good.
I wood like a Easy bake.
I wood like a Elsa cars. I
wood like pad.
Breanna Barnes

Dear Santa,
How are you? My name
is Mwleah. I love you! I
was nice most of the time! I
love the reindeer and can
you tell them that please!
Can you call me please.
Meleah Greenfield

Dear Santa,
How are you doing?
For Christmas I wood like
a Elsa doll, and I love to
hav a doc miss stafis bag
Im going to make cookies
for you.
Alexis Page Hale

Dear Santa,
Will you give me a
spiderman a butterfly a
santa toy and a dinosaur.
I was good.
Love,
Robert

Dear Santa,
I would like a nut-
cracker
I would like a tablet
I would likea wii u
I would like a Xbox one
I would like a ps2 so I
can crack nuts so I can
play video games af-
ter school. I been doing
chores and watching my
brother.
Elijah Dunbar

Dear Santa,
I want a DS I want a
bike. I want the Lego City.
I want a nook. I want a
green machine. I should
get these things because I
did chores.
Karen Williams



Dear Santa,
I want a Xbox one be-
cause I do the dishis with
my parents. I be good. I
listen to parens.
Andy David Humphrey

Dear Santa,
I want a telescope be-
cause I have been clean-
ing the house and a mag-
net I have bee folding
close I woud like a ping-
pong patle I help Moma
I need a soopycoshen I
have been working hard.
Trevor McKnight



Dear Santa,
I want a monopoly be-
cause I help my dad toa th
wood. I want a XBox one
I help my mom klen the
hals. I want a Nintendo
DS because I help deco-
rate the tree.
Isaian Cobb

Dear Santa,
I want a Ipod I help my
Mom. I want a Ellass be-
cause I help with dichis.
I want a watch because I
help with diner. I want a
Fury Friends because I
help swepe.
Brooke Charles



Dear Santa,
I want a wiiu because
my family can watch
movies. i want a i pone so
I dont get bord. I want a Rc
Air Hog Rc zero because I
can hav fun. i want a scor-
pion Blaser because I can
shoot my friends.
Jamien Abbott

Dear Santa,
I want a wii 4, I want
Mario cart 8 I want a i Pod
I think i git these things
because I did chores.
Micah Washburn

Dear Santa,
I want a Play home.
I want a babey. I want a
mosty high. I help my
mom do the dishes and
the laundry.
Nenaeh Putty

Dear Senta,
I want a Elssa doll. I
want a anna doll. I want
a moster high. I want
Birdie Princiss because
they look like a good toy
to play with my brother,
and me and my family.
I help my mom klene
the house. i help my mom
do the dishes. I hlp my
mom klene the whole
house. i help my mom do
the laundry. I never get
my carts pulled.
Peyton Nolan

Dear Senta,
I want a Demolisher
and a s4 and call of duty
advanced warfare be-
cause I halped my mom-
my and daddy.
Nate Walls

Dear Senta,
Please bring me a toy
for Christmas I lkie mon-
ster trucks, puppies and
goats. I will be good at
home and at school.
Alex McKinney

Dear Senta,
Please bring me a
new bike, helmet, and
wrist watch. I lost my old
watch. I will be good at
home and school.
Samuel

Dear Senta,
I want a 3DS because I
hlep my mom with dish-
es. I want sum Heaphone.
I want sum Hal Lego set. I
want a cat for Christmas.
Craig Davis

Dear Senta,
I want a Risen 2 and
GTA for my Xbox 360. I
also want a remote con-
trol helicopter. I have
been good this year. I will
leave you some cookies.
Thomas Shaven

Dear Senta,
This year I would like
a Xbox 360 and all of Duty
warfare. I would also
like a Xbox live car. i will
leave some cookies and
milk for you.
Mason Miller



DONNA and Kent Dillingham were among the large crowd to attend the Dawson Springs Christmas Parade Sunday, Dec. 7.

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Christmas...

From the Past

*Letters to Santa taken from the December 1964 editions of
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Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old and go to Miss Rita's Kindergarten. I would like a Playmobile fire truck and a Johnny 7 Gun for Christmas. Remember all the other boys and girls.
Bye till Christmas,
Don Oldham
P.S. Daddy said you better bring some batteries for the play mobile if you have any.



Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I would like a Betty's Beauty Parlor Set. I would like to have a Ken and a Midge. I would also like to get some Barbie clothes for my Barbie doll. I would like a Barbie Dream House and a Barbie Theater. I will leave my stocking out for you to fill with candy if I am good. I will also have you some milk and cookies. I would like to have a Bible with my name on it.
Yours truly,
Janetta Davis

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me Baby Brite doll. Also a Etch-A-Sketch board. And a ring. Also some Barbie clothes.
Your friend,
Pamela Ausenbaugh

Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old. Please bring me this Christmas a Betty Brite doll, a hostess Buffet, and anything else you think I would like. I have tried to be good.
I love you,
Lori Ann Inglis



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Dear Santa,
I am a little boy eight years old. My two sisters and I have tried to be good. And our mother says we have been pretty good. So will you please bring me a trampoline and archery set. Also I would like a magic set. My sister Judy would like a Chatty Kathy, a Give-a-Show Projector and a transistor radio. My other sister Kathy wants a doll buggy, a piano, and a Jack 'N Jill TV Radio.
Look in the refrigerator for some milk and cookies. And please remember the other boys and girls.

With love,
Ricky, Judy and Kathy-Capps

Dear Santa,
I am a girl 8 years old. And i want a doll, a globe, a big mirror, and if possible a record player for me and my brother. Don't forget the other girls and boys and my teacher Mrs. Duncan.

Yours truly,
Pamela Wallace



Dear Santa,
I want a watch and a Bettys beauty parlor. I have been good.
Love and kisses,
Sarah Simons

Dear Santa,
I would like a tea set and a doll and a diaper bag set and a bed and a western palomino.
Freda Menser

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Danny Joe Carlton. if you think I have been a good boy please bring me a crusade 101. A big drum. It's got everything on it. Bring me a a road building set. I guess that is all.
Danny

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. I have a brother Joey. We are pretty good boys. I want a one man army gun, coon skin cap, tronbone Johnny seven phone set, buffalo hunter set. Joey wants a rifle, cowboy suit, drum set, and a tool box. Joey will be 4 years old Christmas. remember all the other children.
love,
Jeffery & Joey Jennings

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Jim Hensley. I came to see you at the Big K in Madisonville. Santa Claus I want a pop gun and a guitar, a little go cart and anything else you want to bring me.
Your friend,
Jim Hensley

Dear Santa,
I like you very much. I would like a walkie-talkie and would you please make the channel 14. That is all because i want other kids to get something. There will be nuts on the coffee table.
Yours truly,
Mike Hensley

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Baby Brite doll. I also want a ring, necklace and bracelet. Please bring my sisters and all the other good little boys and girls toys too.
Your friend,
Thresa Ausenbaugh



Dear Santa Claus,
I am 6 years old. My name is Mike. I want a Johnny 7 gun, a road building set, invader helmet, detective game. I am in the first grade in Mrs. Tandy's room.

Love,
Mike Howton

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Barbie DreamHouse. And a pair of house house shoes with pink ribbon, that have pink eyes on them. And i want a Pata Birp doll. Thank you Santa Claus.
Yours truly,
Christy Armstrong

Dear Santa,
I want a Gung ho Commando Outfit and a Cecil and his Disguises set and a Road Construction set and a Giant Army Combat set and G.I. Joe and a Vac-U-Form and a Dr. Seuss book and a Electronic 2 Phone Switchboard set.
Love,
Scott Dillingham

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that burps. And a Majorette Suit and a Kissey dress and a doll that looks like you.. A new umbrella.
From,
Bobbie Sue Purdy

Dear Santa,
My name is Rita Faye Grisham. i am 5 years old. i am in Miss Rita's Kindergarten. I would like a Baby-pat-a-Burp, dishes, Skipper, a peg board, a black board, nd a view master. I have been good.
Love,
Rita

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Beth Beshear. I haven't been too good but good enough for Christmas. i want a brand new 5 dollar bill, and also a stocking full of goodies.
Love,
Beth Beshear

P.S. There will be coco under the Christmas tree.

Dear Santa,
My name is Danny Jones. For Christmas I want a Farm set and a race car and a tool set and a play radio. I have tried to be a good boy this year though it is hard. Please don't forget Susie. She wants a watch. Mike wants some clothes and Steve wants a transistor radio. Don't forget Mom and Dad and all the other little girls and boys.
Love,
Danny Jones
P.S. This is wrote by my 12 year sister.



Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old. I have been a good girl. But if you think I have been a bad girl, do not bring me toys. But if you think I have been good bring me a Bible, a fashion house, a baking set, a little hostess buffer, and a Midge and a Allen. Santa, that is all this year. if you cannot get all the things I want pick the ones you think are best for me.

I love you,
Lisa Jahn Inglis

Dear Santa,
I want a sky rail, a Vrrroom! truck and a Vrrroom skiploader.
From,
Joe Keller



Dear Santa Claus,
My brother wants V-R Room Dump Truck, a V-R Room Skiploader, Beatles Guitar, and a johnny Seven O.M.A. gun.
I want a Midge, Allan, Beatles guitar in pink and a Bible. i guess that's all my brother and i want. so good-by till Christmas.
With love,
Danny and Donna



Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 8 years old and I'm in the third grade at East Side School. I would like for you to bring me the following things for Christmas. Tommy doll and some clothes, a formal for Barbie, a spy detector game, a guitar and a buletin board and a doll case.
Yours truly,
Gay Fralich

Dear Santa,
My name is Janice Hopkins. I'm six years old and in the first grade.
For Christmas I would like to have a tiny tears, a toy hair dryer. I would also like some new clothes, a toy radio and a baby crib for tiny tears.
Your friend
Janice Hopkins
P.S. Send me some apples, oranges and candy also.

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LOCAL students, some parents, FRYSC staff, and members of the local police department, along with former police chief Bill Crider celebrated with some early Christmas shopping at Princeton's Walmart Tuesday, Dec. 9, when they

enjoyed the annual "Shop With A Cop" excursion, which is made possible each year to students in the Dawson Springs School system compliments of an anonymous donor.



DIANE EDWARDS (right) serves refreshments to Pat Bruce (left) and Barbara Sisk when they visited her home Sunday, Dec. 7, on the Christmas Home Tour in Dawson Springs.



KRISTIN ALEXANDER admires a piece of furniture in the Edwards' home while on the Christmas Home Tour Sunday, Dec. 7.



DAWSON SPRINGS Junior High School band members performing during the downtown lighting ceremony Sunday, Dec. 7, are (from left) Kaitlynn Dearing, Cindy Solomon, Kiki Riggs, Denisha Randolph, Justin Knight, and Nan Capps.



MAYOR Jenny Sewell gives a hug to Kenneth Thomas, who with his wife Sylvia, were given the 2014 Community Service Award during the downtown lighting ceremony Sunday, Dec. 7.

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